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MOSCOW, Jan. 21 (R) — Moscow's top heart surgeon, Yevgeny Chazov, said Friday that people in the Soviet Union were suffering from too many stress-related diseases and that social rather than medical solutions would have to be found.
"Nervous, and psychological stress has become one of the main factors damaging people's health," he said in an article in the Communist Party daily *Pravda*.
"There would only be an improvement if social problems such as the acute housing problem were dealt with and if more recreation and relaxation areas were created," he said.
Dr. Chazov is head of the Moscow Cardiological Institute. He said other factors contributing to poor health in the Soviet Union were obesity, lack of exercise and too much smoking. Forty percent of all 16-year-olds were now addicted to nicotine.
Dr. Chazov also blamed the low level of health consciousness for the relatively high rate of absenteeism through illness.

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Iran gives ultimatum on ending Gulf war

NICOSIA, Jan. 21 (AP) — The speaker of the Iranian Parliament Hashemi Rafsanjani Friday directed a "last ultimatum" to Iraq to accept Iran's previously declared peace terms to end the Iran-Iraq war, the official Iranian news agency, Imna reported.
The agency said the ultimatum "came in Rafsanjani's speech Friday held at Tehran University campus, attended by hundreds of thousands of people."
However, he said Rafsanjani, one of Ayatollah Khomeini's top aides, did not indicate what Iran would do if Iraq continued to ignore the Iranian demands.
The ultimatum came on the eve of the beginning of the 29th month of the Iran-Iraq war, and at a time when both Saudi Arabia and Algeria were reported to be making fresh efforts to end the conflict as part of a wider settlement that would also end the year-old feud between Iraq and Syria.
Iran's frequently repeated terms for peace with Iraq are: Withdrawal of Iraqi forces from war conquered Iranian territory to be followed by a ceasefire, and investigation into the causes of the war with a view to blame Iraq and make it pay war reparations.
Iran has rejected all international mediation efforts for failing to meet these demands. Rafsanjani said Iran had given Iraq "ample opportunity" to accept these demands, but "rather than responding to the peace initiatives, (Iraqi president) Saddam Hussein had exploited each opportunity to stockpile arms, while certain foreign powers rushed liberal aid to him in a bid to help him maintain the war and keep him in power."
Iranian President Ali Khamenei also lashed out at countries supplying arms to Iraq. Without naming any, he said these countries were "clearly lying" in stressing they wanted peace, while at the same time they kept "strengthening the Iraqi regime with all sorts of weapons."
Iraq itself announced recently it has acquired advanced war planes, naval vessels and ammunition, enabling its air and naval forces to step up attacks against Iran.

Nakasone stirs hornet's nest

TOKYO, Jan. 21 (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone returned from Washington Friday to widespread criticism of the remarks he made there on defense and political sources said the controversy might bring on a general election.
Newspapers and opposition parties have attacked his pledges to build up Japan's armed forces and he is expected to face heated debate in parliament after making the first speech of his new session on Monday.
The political sources said the opposition could show its displeasure by blocking the passage of next year's budget, which could precipitate a dissolution of parliament and an election.
One newspaper, *Mainichi Shinbun*, said Friday that Nakasone's U.S. visit may have opened a dangerous path for the future. The mass-circulation *Asahi Shinbun* said it was inconceivable for a prime minister to commit Japan to an expanded military role without first consulting parliament.
In an interview with the *Washington Post* BEIRUT, Jan. 21 (AP) — U.S. envoy Philip Habib arrived Friday amid reports he is carrying a "compromise" plan for a partial Israeli withdrawal next month and establishment of American-managed electronic spy stations in Lebanon's central mountains.
State and privately owned radio stations said the American troubleshooter was scheduled to hold talks on the proposal with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel and his senior aides Friday night.
Lebanese radio stations quoted "official information available to the Lebanese government" as saying Habib's new compromise plan said for:

Habib unfolds new pullout proposals

— A 15-kilometer (nine-mile) simultaneous roll-back of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from the central Lebanese mountains to begin in mid-February as the first stage of a total withdrawal of all foreign armies from Lebanon.
— Vacated areas will be promptly taken over by the Lebanese army with the help of the American, French and Italian multinational peacekeeping force. They would also take control of the Beirut-Damascus Highway from the Lebanese capital to the Syrian border.
— Americans, rather than Lebanese or Israelis, would man up the three electronic spy stations on Barouk and other peaks in the central Lebanese mountain range to monitor military movements in the region.

Hijackers held Syrian passports

DJIBOUTI, Jan. 21 (AFP) — Three Palestinians holding Syrian passports who hijacked a South Yemeni airliner here Thursday were reportedly trying to evade military service with the Syrian armed forces.
They told the Djibouti correspondent of the Kuwaiti daily *Al-Qabas* that they had been ordered to Damascus by their organization, the hard-line Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.
Convinced that they would be imprisoned for having refused to do their military service, they had hijacked the South Yemeni Boeing 707 on its flight from Aden to Damascus via Kuwait.
A West German foreign ministry spokesman declined comment on the meeting between Velayati and his charge d'affaires and said the ministry had not intervened in Tabatabai case.

A razzle-dazzle apartment deal shatters Canadian 'trust'

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Plants too hold memory about people

RIYADH, Jan. 21 (SPA) — Plants have a memory that stores information about people dealing with them according to the finding of a six-month study conducted by a Saudi Arabian professor of botany.
Scientific experiments on plants have just been completed by Dr. Faisal Al-Saad, a lecturer at the King Saud University College of Agriculture. The professor told *Al-Riyadh* that during his experiments he discovered that plants have a chemical nervous system which is either clearly developed or is sometimes found floating in the form of prevalent chemical materials.
Dr. Saad in his experiments, arrived at the conclusion that plants react against people who destroy them. The conclusions were reached by using modern scientific equipment to observe the plants and record their reaction to various stimuli.
"Plants, after all, have feelings similar to those of animals with the only difference being that animals are capable of expressing these feelings," the researcher says.
His tests showed that feeling in plants result from a chemical reaction which in some ways resembles the human nervous system, but is not as distinct.
Plants, according to Dr. Saad, react individually to each person they come into contact with. He used several different types of plants in his research and reported similar reactions.

Free Tabatabai, Tehran tells Bonn

BONN, Jan. 21 (R) — Iran has demanded that West Germany free a former Iranian deputy prime minister, related by marriage to Ayatollah Khomeini, who is in custody in Duesseldorf on suspicion of drug smuggling, informed sources have said.
"They said Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told the acting West German mission chief in Tehran Thursday that bilateral relations could suffer unless Sadeq Tabatabai, 39, brother-in-law of the Ayatollah's son Ahmad, was released," Tabatabai, who has acted as a special envoy for Iran on sensitive missions in the last two years, was arrested at Duesseldorf Airport on Jan. 6 after customs officials found 1.6 kg (3.5 pounds) of raw opium in his luggage.
The Duesseldorf public prosecutor has said he does not believe Tabatabai's claim that the opium, with a street value of some 40,000 marks (\$16,000) was planted without his knowledge to discredit him.
Tabatabai was deputy premier in the government of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan after the 1979 revolution. He was also in charge of Iran's intelligence services for a period.
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Syria hand seen in Gemayel murder

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 — Phalangist Party officials have concluded that Syrian intelligence was behind the assassination of Lebanese President Bashir Gemayel last September, the *Washington Post* said in Friday editions.
In dispatch from Beirut, the newspaper said party officials have told reporters and Western embassies that an investigation of the assassination has identified Nabil Felaghi as the man controlling the man charged with the assassination, Habib Shartouni. The party officials were not otherwise identified. Felaghi also is known as Nabil Amin, the

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Pins hope on Geneva talks U.S. vows to cut arms, risk of war

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan conferred with his chief arms control negotiators Friday and declared his determination "to explore every possibility ... to reduce the arsenals and the risks of war."
"The coming round of the negotiations is particularly important because our far-reaching proposals combined with our defense modernization programs provide a strong incentive for reaching agreements on lower levels of forces on an equitable and verifiable basis," the president said in a written statement issued after the meeting.
The president conferred for nearly an hour with Edward Rowny and Paul H. Nitze, after the shakeup last week in his arms control team that resulted in the departure of Eugene Rostow as head of the arms control and disarmament agency. Nitze heads the delegation to the intermediate range weapons talks. Rowny heads the delegation to the talks aimed at reducing long-range, strategic weapons.
Rostow's designated replacement, Kenneth Adelman, took part in the conference, along with Vice President George Bush, Secretary of State George Shultz, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, and William Clark, Reagan's national security adviser.
"Our proposals for massive reductions in strategic arsenals and for the elimination of an entire class of nuclear missiles in the intermediate nuclear forces deserve the support of all who seek genuine arms reductions," Reagan said.

E. bloc warns of retaliation

EAST BERLIN, Jan. 21 (R) — Soviet bloc states Friday issued a new warning of counter-measures if NATO goes ahead with deployment in West Europe of new nuclear missiles.
A joint communique issued after a visit to East Berlin by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko appealed to West Germany, where he had talks earlier this week to reconsider its acceptance of the Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles.
"If these plans are carried out the Socialist countries will be forced to take counter-measures to secure their own security," the communique, issued by the official East German news agency ADN, said.
Gromyko briefed East German leader Erich Honecker on his talks in Bonn.
Both appealed to West Germany to weigh up its acceptance of the rockets and said Bonn "should contribute to a solution of this problem," ADN said.

Skyjacker shot dead by FBI agent

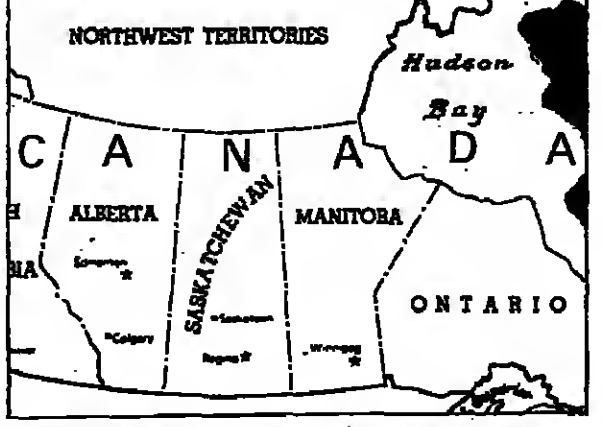
PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan. 21 (AP) — A retarded man who hijacked a plane, then was shot and killed by an FBI agent who climbed through a cockpit window, had commandeered the same flight in 1980 and was free on probation, authorities said.
None of the 41 passengers and crew aboard the Northwest Airlines jet were injured in the 21-hour seizure Thursday.
The hijacker, who was shot as he began releasing some passengers, had falsely claimed to have a bomb in a shoebox and said he wanted to go to Afghanistan, witnesses said.
Authorities said 20-year-old Glen Kurt Tripp took over flight 608 as the Boeing 727-200 approached Portland International Airport from Seattle.
Tripp, of Stanwood, Washington, had held another northwest jet, also flight 608, for 10 hours on July 11, 1980, at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, claiming he had a

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mortgage payments.
Financing for the apartment sale was provided in part by three trust companies — Crown Trust, Greymac Trust and Seaway Trust — which took third mortgages on the property.
Crown Trust and Greymac Trust are both controlled by Greymac Credit Corp., the firm owned by Rosenberg and Weiss. Seaway Trust's owner is a business colleague of William Player, owner of Kilderkirk Investments.
Just before the festival, Ontario's parliament, controlled by the conservatives, hurriedly passed a law giving the government authority to seize trust companies. Leaders of the opposition Liberals and New Democrats agreed not to delay the measure after being told there was an urgent need based on facts that could not be disclosed. On Jan. 7, the government seized the assets of Crown Trust, Greymac Trust and Seaway Trust. Locks were changed at all branch offices, and directors of the companies ordered to stay off the premises.
After investigators spent 10 days inspecting documents, Elgie announced the three firms had been violating loan regulations and were all in financial trouble. He said he believed Crown Trust could eventually be turned over to "acceptable new owners" and pay back all its depositors, but he wasn't sure about Greymac and Seaway.
Elgie said the Toronto apartments were not worth more than 300 million Canadian dollars (\$243 million), not enough to secure the trust companies' investment after first — and second-mortgage holders were paid off.
Rosenberg denounced the takeover as "unprecedented and illegal" and said he would sue. Seaway's owner, Andrew Markle, accused the government of "rewriting" his company's books.
Weiss was quoted by the *Toronto Star* as saying he felt like a victim of "mob rule."

Arriving in Jeddah today

Italian group represents capital, industrial goods

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — An official delegation of Italian industrialists from Turin, the heart of Italian industries, will arrive here Saturday on a nine-day visit to the Kingdom to explore the possibilities of exports, joint ventures and appointment of agents and distributors, according to Italian Trade Commissioner Dr. Giuseppe Castelli.

He told *Arab News*, the ten-member mission, sponsored by the Association of Turin Industrialists, consists of seven businessmen and three officials. They will hold meetings with Jeddah Chamber of Commerce officials and Saudi Arabian businessmen.

Dr. Castelli said mission members offer

foodstuffs, anti-corrosive additives, construction material, prefabricated community houses, tarmac acoustic insulation, electrical switch panels, feeders and circuit breakers, material for printing presses, metal work, industrial hangars, steel bridges, industrial paints and enamel, packing and packaging products.

This is the first mission offering capital and industrial goods. "Some of the members will welcome technical cooperation," he added.

Dr. Castelli said, another team, the Cremona Export Mission will also arrive on Saturday and this will be the second visit from that area. This seven-member delegation will be in Jeddah on Jan. 22-24 and will meet importers and distributors.



INDIAN TEAM: A fact-finding Indian team visited the Kingdom to explore the possibilities of setting up joint ventures. Picture shows, from left, team leader Sanjiv Goenka, D.K. Kapur and B. S. Sen

Indian team explores joint venture possibilities, prepares for investment

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — An Indian team left Saudi Arabia Thursday after a five day visit during which they explored the possibilities of setting up joint venture projects for fiberglass industries and other products.

The three-member, fact-finding mission, was headed by Duncan Group's Deccan Fiber Glass Director Sanjiv Goenka, who met with Saudi Arabian industrialists and visited some of the projects during their tour of Dammam and Jeddah.

Other members of the team were Duncan Brothers and Company Vice President D.K. Kapur and Deccan Fibre Glass Vice President Commercial B.S. Sen.

Goenka told *Arab News*, the team's visit is a follow up of the visit to the Kingdom by Fed-

eration of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry delegation last March and corresponding tour of leading Saudi Arabian businessmen to India in October-November last year.

He said the house of Duncan, originally set up by British interests in the field of tea and jute, has to its credit the expertise and business acumen of more than 120 years. Some of its companies are equipped to set up projects outside India by providing technical and management expertise. They offer a comprehensive range of services in the field of project planning and implementation. They are also prepared to invest in the share capital of joint venture projects along with private local investors and the governments of the host countries, Goenka added.

Jeddah municipality budgeting SR393 million for improvements

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — More than SR393 million will be spent on municipal projects here, according to *Ohaq*.

The breakdown provided by Jeddah officials shows that SR57 million will be allotted to temporary asphalt, SR15.5 million for organization of gardens, SR126 million for the first phase of street beautification, another SR100 for the second phase of street beautification projects, SR58 million for markets and finally SR19 million for lights.

There are other projects which have not been detailed yet which involve land expropriation and dealing with random housing expansion.

Progress has been achieved so far on the construction of the four planned gardens. Two of these gardens will be handed over within a few days. The first a 17,000 square meter garden costing SR2.1 million and the second of 200,000 square meter costing SR20.2 million.

SASO enforces 17 specifications

RIYADH, Jan. 21 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO) has announced the expiry of the notice period set for 17 specifications of measurements and called on all government and non-government authorities to stick to these specifications.

The specifications relate to electric lamps, physical and chemical methods for testing food and food products, frozen chicken, ways

of testing simple batteries, dry simple batteries, writing sheets, some print matters, sides of cars, the external and front protective instruments of cars and ways of testing tea and sugar as well as ways of testing the concrete piles.



Akram Yassin

Kirby Building Systems appoints sales manager for Western Province

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — Kirby Building Systems has appointed Akram Yassin as sales manager for the Kingdom's Western Province. He succeeds George Kobrossy who has joined the Sahara Building Contractors, one of Kirby's certified builders, as area general manager for the Western Province.

Yassin has been with the Kirby's head office for the past five years and was occupying a special projects manager position prior to his new appointment.



Dr. Giuseppe Castelli

Mosque council places stress on Sharia rule

MAKKAH, Jan. 21 — (SPA) — The Higher World Council for Mosques has stressed the need for Muslim countries to resort to the Sharia (divine law) in dealing with material and spiritual affairs.

Concluding its one-week meetings here Thursday night, under the chairmanship of Sheikh Abdulaziz ibn Abdullah ibn Baz, the council urged the need for unifying efforts to find a just solution for the Palestine problem and "liberate occupied Arab land from the paws of the Zionist enemy."

It called on Muslim countries to support the Lebanese people who it said were suffering from Zionist occupation.

The council also appealed to Iraq and Iran to put an end to their armed conflict and to resort to the Islamic Sharia to solve their differences and thus "spare the blood of Muslims and direct their resources to confronting the enemies of the Islamic nation."

The council recommended appealing to Islamic states to back organizations engaged in preaching Islam, both materially and morally, and allocate a number of scholarships for Muslims at various educational institutions.

It also appealed for help to the Muslim people of Afghanistan and to the "gallant Mujahadeen as well as to the refugees to help them overcome their ordeal resulting from the treacherous communist aggression."

Muslim minorities should be backed with various means and their freedom of belief and necessary guarantees ensured, the council said.

UPM provides coordination for military plant

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — The Petroleum and Mineral University has signed two agreements of cooperation with the Corporation of Military Factories in Al-Kharrj covering different aspects, including provision of technical and consultation services, *Al-Riyadh* reported.

The first agreement deals with developing information and consultation system at the factories in technical and administrative areas.

The second agreement deals with technical services and specialized studies which the research institute of the university will provide for the military factories.

The agreements were signed on behalf of the University by its director Dr. Bakar Abdullah Bakar and by Major-General Yusuf Al-Sahum on behalf of the military factories.

The two agreements come as part of the existing cooperation between the university and various government departments under which the university extends various studies and expertise available within the framework of mutual cooperation, a responsible university source said.

Madinah passenger hall to be expanded

MADINAH, Jan. 21 — The Saudi Arabian airline Saudia, in collaboration with the Civil Aviation Presidency is expanding the passengers' hall here to enable it cope with the growing number of domestic and international passengers using the airport, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The SR86,000 project is intended to provide more facilities for passengers.

SR95m Baha loans

BAHA, Jan. 21 — SR95 million has been extended by the agricultural bank here as subsidies to farmers within seven years ending 1981, *Al-Riyadh* reported. The aid includes machinery, tractors, establishing cooperative farms and multi-purpose agricultural projects.

Delegates urge, 'support U.N., regional projects'

RIYADH, Jan. 21 (SPA) — Delegates taking part in a regional meeting have called on rich Arab countries to increase their financial contribution to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), urging U.N. specialized agencies at the same time to

provide more allocations for projects in the area.

The meeting, chaired by the director of technical cooperation Abdel Malek Farrash, also called for giving priority to projects pertaining to under-developed countries.

Concluding its deliberations here, the meeting stressed that the Palestinian people should be considered under this category and said that countries hit by natural disasters should be helped.

It also advocated economic and social integration among countries of the region, and commercial and technical exchanges with developing states.

The participants agreed on the need for developing the food situation in the Arab countries with the aim of ensuring sufficient supplies to all people.

They recommended a study on factors which play an important role in ensuring food supplies in the Arab countries and on questions relating to marketing and loans.

Prince Saud opens Islamic seminar Sunday

MAKKAH, Jan. 21 (SPA) — Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen, deputy Makkah governor will open here on Sunday on behalf of King Fahd the sixth seminar on "Islamic Jurisprudence."

The participants will review the status of Muslims who opted for the citizenship of non-Islamic countries, forensic medicine and medical practices in Islamic countries as well as life insurance.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Saturday						
Fajr (Dawn)	5:36	5:42	5:14	5:03	5:28	6:01
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:32	12:33	12:04	11:51	12:15	12:45
Asr (Afternoon)	3:41	3:38	3:09	2:53	3:17	3:44
Maghrib (Sunset)	6:04	6:00	5:31	5:15	5:39	6:05
Isha (Night)	7:34	7:30	7:01	6:45	7:09	7:35

Warning says, 'don't allow cost changes'

RIYADH, Jan. 21 — Government departments have been asked not to allow any changes in the prices of the already awarded tenders, *Al-Jazirah* reported.

According to the report, Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail sent a circular to all departments concerned asking them to stick to the submitted prices and not to allow any changes so as to avoid disputes and confusion.

Moreover, the same circular insists on keeping deadlines for tenders submission or release and not to tolerate any violations of tenders procedures. The statement said that adhering to such procedures would create a fair climate for the competitors.

Dammam plans railway hospital

DAMMAM, Jan. 21 — A fully equipped hospital is to be built here for railway workers and their families. The 100-bed hospital, which will be manned by 350 specialists ranging from doctors, male and female nurses, technicians and workers, is estimated to cost \$30 million, *Al-Nadwa* reported.

Although the hospital is essentially to be built for railway workers and their families, it is anticipated to accept other patients at prices equivalent to those set by the Ministry of Health for private hospitals.

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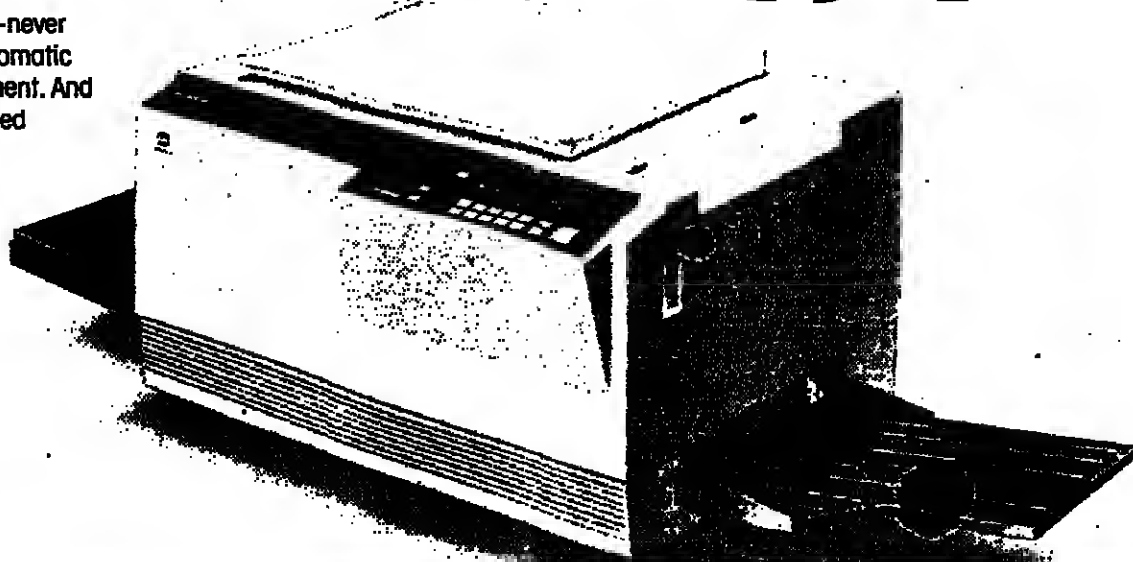
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Economic relations prosper

Kingdom heads Belgian list of trading partners

By Sarah Shaw
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — Saudi Arabia tops the list of Belgium's trading partners in the Middle East, with the Kingdom accounting for nearly 64 percent of its total trade. In world trade, Belgium ranks as the fifth largest supplier and ninth customer for Belgium, according to Ambassador Jacques Melsens.

He told *Arab News*, economic relations between the two countries have been growing and diversifying without interruption for the last ten years.

Melsens said political relations are excellent. The two royal families have ties which date back many years and have been strengthened by the visits of the late King Faisal and the late King Khalid to Belgium, by the visit of King Baudouin to Saudi Arabia in 1975, as well as by the five visits of Crown Prince Albert to Saudi Arabia in recent years, the latest of which took place in November, 1982.

Saudi Arabia is viewed as an extremely important partner in world trade and the Belgians are making efforts to intensify these relations and reduce the trade imbalance with the Kingdom.

"For Belgium, trade with Saudi Arabia comes in fact second only to trade with its partners within the European Community and with the United States," Melsens said. "The volume of trade with Saudi Arabia is greater than that with the whole of South America put together."

He said Belgian exports to the Kingdom have grown from 1.7 billion francs in 1973 to 12.5 billion francs in 1977 and to 2.5 billion in

1981 (equivalent to SR2 billion). Its imports from Saudi Arabia have steeply increased from 14 billion francs in 1973 to 54.8 billion in 1977 and 165 billion in 1981 (equivalent to SR13 billion). The figures for the first six months of last year are 15 billion francs (SR1 billion) for Belgian exports to Saudi Arabia and 73 billion francs (about SR5 billion) for its imports from the Kingdom.

Belgian exports consist mainly of machinery, foodstuffs, textiles, non-ferrous metals and chemicals, whereas it imports mainly petroleum products from Saudi Arabia.

"The importance attached by the Belgians to their economic relations with Saudi Arabia was highlighted by the recent trade and economic mission presided by Crown Prince Albert and led by Andre Kempinaire, secretary of state for Foreign Trade," Melsens said.

He said an economic and technical cooperation agreement was signed between the two countries in 1978 and a joint commission established under it has already met three times. The last meeting was in November last year and the next one is foreseen for later this year, he added.

Belgian firms are also active in the Kingdom and have taken part in major projects relating to health (construction of hospitals), communications (airports and harbors) and industry (erection of industrial plants).

Melsens said some of the major works carried out by Belgian firms include \$1 billion National Guard contract for two 500-bed hospitals won by Eurosystem Health Consortium of nine companies. The companies have re-grouped into the Belgian Health Company to bid for hospitals in Saudi Arabia.



Jacques Melsens

Italian week starts Sunday

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — A perfect 'Italian Food Week' begins Sunday at the Al-Bouhaira Restaurant at the Red Sea Palace Hotel here and continues through Jan. 30.

Hotel sales manager Bo Modin told *Arab News* that the food week, the first in the second year of the hotel's operation, will be held every evening from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Italian food week was held once before in May 1982, and it was highly successful.

He said the hotel's Swiss-Italian chef will be directing the complete Italian menu to be served during the week.

Modin said the hotel will organize free taste of the typical Italian hot soup "minestrone" for passers-by outside the Al-Faisalia Shopping Center Saturday. The idea is to give a taste of the Italian food week.

Pilot project successful

Fast food takes off, more restaurants planned

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 21 — 'Uriwan' in Arabic means red, the fiery red color of coral, but to citizens here it has come to mean a popular haunt for fast food.

Going by the success of this barely three-month-old diversified pilot project at the Sahari Center, Hani Eman is now planning a second restaurant opposite the Safeway Super Market, according to Uriwan General Manager Sharat Malhotra. Eman is already a big name in the fields of buses, air conditioning, prefabricated industries and super markets.

Malhotra told *Arab News* that after the second restaurant is opened, two more branches will be established in fashionable surroundings in the city before venturing out into the Eastern Region and then on to the other parts of the Kingdom.

What has attracted the business executives to Uriwan is the fact that the choicest dishes of different nationalities are available at "very reasonable prices."

Families, especially women, have been taking advantage of the 'take-away service' and children are crowding in for their favorite milk shakes, ice cream and fruit juices that have been attractively displayed in color pictures inside the restaurant.

Moreover, the meticulously planned 125 square-meter restaurant can accommodate about 90 people at a time, Malhotra added.

French hamburgers, for instance, and Italian pizza are among the most sought after items on the menu since they are quick to make with the most modern kitchen equipment which has been installed, and quick to gulp, too, Malhotra said. The Nick's automatic broiler turns out 200 hamburgers in an hour, he added.

The pizza, which is faster to prepare, has ingredients like Parmesan cheese (Italian dry cheese), Mozzarella cheese, olives, tomatoes, spices and dough.

Some of the other items on the menu which are in great demand are fish-and-chips, hot dogs with mustard sauce, mixed salad and sandwiches of different types including smoked Turkey.

Soon, Malhotra said, there will be daily specials with a fixed menu for busy executives at a nominal price with the joining of noted chef Daniel Gomes who has been associated with big hotels like the Hilton International at New Delhi and the Hilton

Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Alain. Malhotra, 31, who has been actively connected with hotel management the world over, said there is also a plan for setting up a full-fledged Indian restaurant.

"Food business is something which you cannot fool the customers," Malhotra explained. "That's why we are very particular about purchases, especially perishables which are transacted under my watchful eye. We are so conscious about the quality that, for instance, we changed bakers four times in the interest of the desired food standard," said Malhotra, who managed hotels in the Middle East during the last eight years.

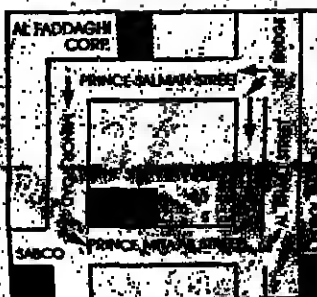


(Photo by Muhammad Ibrahim)

FAST FOOD SUCCESS: The 'Uriwan' restaurant was opened barely three months ago at the Sahari Center and owner Hani Eman is now planning a second restaurant opposite the Safeway Super Market. Shown here is the restaurant's General Manager Sharat Malhotra.

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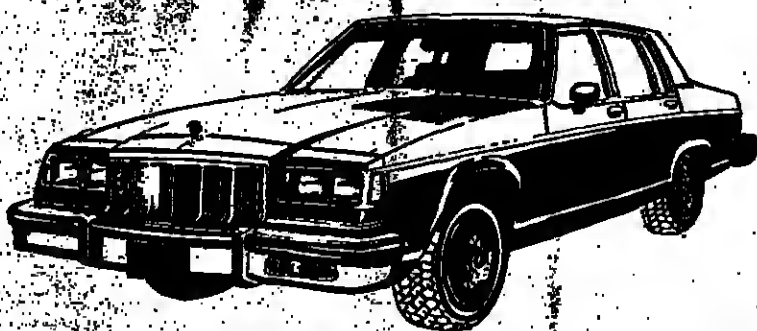
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'A historic turning point'

Israeli doves meet PLO chief

TUNIS, Jan. 21 (Agencies) — Three Israelis, including a retired general, met with Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) last week, The Palestinian news agency Wafa said.

The three Israelis, members of the Tel Aviv-based Israeli-Palestinian Peace Committee, were journalist and former parliamentarian Uri Avnery, retired Gen. Matti Peled, a founder of the Shelli Party, and Yakov Avneri, former director general of the finance ministry, the agency said.

In Israel, Avnery, who last August became the first Israeli reporter to interview Arafat, stressed that the meeting was the first political discussion over Middle East peace action ever to take place between Israelis and the PLO. "The date and place of the four-hour meeting could not be given 'for security reasons', he said.

Three advisors to Arafat were also present, including Issam Sartawi, who handles relations with the Socialist International, Abu Mazen, a member of the central committee of Fatah, and Imad Shakkur, Arafat's press advisor.

Well-informed sources in Israel said the meeting most likely took place in Tunis. The Israeli weekly *Kohet* reported earlier this week that Gen. Peled had recently visited the Tunisian capital reportedly to prepare the meeting.

The Palestinian National Council is scheduled to meet in mid-February in Algiers, and Avnery Thursday said one of the main issues will be whether to authorize Palestinian leaders on the occupied West

Bank and Gaza to participate in future peace negotiations.

Gen. Peled and Sartawi undertook the first direct and secret contact between Israelis and Palestinians in 1976 in Paris, at the initiative of former French Prime Minister Pierre Mendes France. The Israeli Supreme Court has urged the government's legal council to open a suit against Gen. Peled for violating the ban on relations with "enemy organizations" but he has so far never been charged for his contacts with the PLO.

The Israeli justice ministry threatened Avnery with a lawsuit for "intelligence with the enemy" after he interviewed Arafat but he was never brought to trial.

The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Committee advocates mutual PLO-Israeli recognition and Palestinian statehood in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There was little likelihood that the meeting would soften Prime Minister Menachem Begin's adamant refusal to deal with the PLO. But Avnery believed it confirmed the PLO's willingness to deal with "the Israeli peace camp."

Avnery called it "an historic turning point." He said "this is an open demonstration, not in words but in deeds, of recognition of the importance of the peace camp."

Speaking to the Associated Press, Avnery said "this is undeniably a victory for the moderates in the PLO over the extreme camp."

It was reported that the three Israelis discussed with Arafat "ways for common action for a permanent and just peace in the Middle East." Chairman Arafat expressed his



Yasser Arafat

appreciation for the role of Israeli peace forces and their struggle for a just and lasting peace.

Avnery said he expected Arafat soon to call on Palestinian leaders to cooperate with the Israeli peace organization.

Peled said on Israel radio that Arafat had made a "determined decision" to seek a political solution of the Middle East conflict.

"It was determined (in the talks) that the joint goal is to strive by all possible political means to achieve peace in the Middle East," Peled said. "We will continue to do what we have done until now, that is, to advocate the solution which we consider right and practical, and the PLO for its part will continue its own political efforts, and there is full awareness on both sides that we are striving for an identical solution."

French policy on Middle East stays unchanged

LONDON, Jan. 21 (R) — French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert said France held to its Middle East policy that mutual recognition by Arabs and Israelis was necessary for peace in the region. France aimed to achieve a trade balance with the region's countries, particularly Saudi Arabia, he said.

"There is only one French foreign policy and that is one that is good for France," he said Thursday in a lecture on French policy in the Arab world at the Arab Research Center in London.

"It may be egotistic and selfish but that is our policy and that is what we stick to," he said.

President Francois Mitterrand came to power a known friend of Israel but has sought to pursue an even-handed approach to both sides since.

Jobert was foreign minister under President Georges Pompidou and has close Arab ties. He said France hoped to redress the trade imbalance with Arab countries by increasing French presence in Arab markets and in national industrial development programs in the area.

The French trade imbalance with Saudi Arabia reached \$7 billion in 1981, largely because of oil imports from that country, Jobert said. France recently renegotiated a long-term oil contract with Saudi Arabia, slashing the annual amount purchased to three million tons a year from 12 million.

"Perhaps you feel my approach is too mercantile toward Arab countries and you could reproach me for that," the minister said. "But I think it would be wrong to suggest the mercantile approach does not help the political side," he added.

Invasion forces move to disengage combatants

BEIRUT, Jan. 21 (AP) — Israeli forces moved into hilltop villages overlooking Beirut to disengage warring Christian and Druze militiamen Friday, following all-night artillery and rocket duels that left four persons dead and seven wounded, police reported.

The report came a few hours before U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib was expected to arrive at the American-guarded Beirut Airport about four kilometers west of the fighting.

Lebanese news media said Habib was bringing a compromise calling for a partial pullback of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces next month and establishment of

American-managed electronic spy stations central Lebanon.

Police said Israeli armored units entered the embattled villages of Basaba, Marouniye and Dhour El-Shweifat at mid-morning and ordered rival militiamen to stop shooting and evacuate all combat positions in the area.

Christian-Druze clashes have been flaring for almost a week in the three villages that overlook the airport positions of U.S. Marines serving with French and Italian paratroopers in Lebanon's multinational peacekeeping force.

The new fatalities brought to about 100 the total number of persons killed in the nine-week-old fighting between Christian and Druze militias, by official police counts.

Turkey raps EEC for blocking aid

ANKARA, Jan. 21 (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu criticized Western countries for withholding aid to his government but denied that Turkey was seeking an alternative to its alliances with the West.

The European Community has refused to release more than \$60 million in aid due last year because of concern about the military government's human rights record and what it sees as Turkey's slow return to democracy.

Other European countries had also held up a financial grant through the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Ulusu said.

Referring to the delays, he told a press conference: "We occasionally see that the amount of aid falls below a level that would serve mutual interests because of certain unfounded political considerations in legislative bodies."

He said Turkey, a member of NATO and an associate member of the European Community was now pursuing a "multi-faceted foreign policy to develop its relations with fellow Islamic nations and other countries. The Turkish press has speculated that the shift in policy reflected a desire to downgrade its links with the West.

But the prime minister said: "This does not constitute an alternative to our present relations within the Western world." On the contrary (it) is of a nature complementary and supportive of those relations."

Ulusu, appointed premier by the ruling generals after their September 1980 coup, repeated that Turkey was willing to open talks with Greece, a fellow NATO member, on mutual differences at any time, with a pre-condition.

Libya, Bulgaria cement ties

VIENNA, Jan. 21 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi and Bulgarian President Todor Zhivkov Friday signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation, the Bulgarian news agency BTA reported.

The two leaders, meeting in the Black Sea resort of Varna for final talks at the end of a five-day official visit by Qaddafi, also signed a program for developing economic, scientific and technological cooperation from 1985 to 1990, the agency added.

It was Libya's second reported signature of a friendship pact with an East European state, following one made with Czechoslovakia last September.

The possibility of a similar accord with Poland was foreshadowed in an announce-

ment made after Qaddafi visited Warsaw later in the same month.

Qaddafi arrived in Romania Friday for an official meeting with President Nicolae Ceausescu, Bucharest radio reported.

The state-run media said the Libyan leader's visit would "contribute to the deepening of relations of friendship between the peoples of the two countries, (and) the expansion and diversification of Romanian-Libyan collaboration in all fields that are of interest for both countries."

Uniformed police and army soldiers carrying automatic weapons were posted along the 15-kilometer route to downtown Bucharest as part of the tight security measures for the occasion.

Beirut seeks construction loans

BEIRUT, Jan. 21 (R) — Lebanon has told Western firms they are unlikely to win contracts in its \$12 billion reconstruction program unless their governments offer Lebanon financial aid, a group of British industrialists said Friday.

The Lebanese position was spelled out by reconstruction chief Muhammad Attallah at a meeting with representatives of 10 British firms currently visiting Beirut.

Attallah told them French companies had an advantage over British firms as Paris had already agreed a credit package to cover any contracts they might win, the delegation leader, Banker Paul Bulfield, said at a press conference.

A French financial protocol giving Lebanon credit and loans at 2.5 percent interest was being increased to a total of one billion francs (\$145 million), industry sources said.

Bulfield said Attallah, head of the council for development and reconstruction, urged the British government to sign a similar agreement. One hundred million sterling

(\$157 million) was one figure mentioned as suitable.

The reconstruction program will repair damage caused in the last eight years of intermittent war and civil strife. It is moving slowly because the government is starved of cash and most of the country is still ruled by foreign armies.

British Ambassador Sir David Roberts said no formal request had been put but the delegation would pass on the Lebanese position when it returned to London.

Any Lebanese request for a large financial package would probably cause a problem for the British government, delegation sources said.

The Lebanese would need cover for around 10 years, but the British Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), which handles project finance, now provides cover in Lebanon for only 180 days because of the uneasy security situation. The representatives signed no contracts during their five-day visit.

BRIEFS

HARARE (AP) — The Polisario Front, the movement fighting for control of Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara, Friday vowed to attend all future meetings of the Organization of African Unity despite a split in the Afro-Arab group over its admission.

ANKARA (AP) — A Turkish Airlines Boeing 727 passengers jet was forced to land at Damascus airport Thursday while on a flight from Amman to Ankara. It was allowed to proceed to Ankara after a 2½-hour wait.

ISLAMABAD (AFP) — The government appointed retired Maj. Gen. Abdul Rehman

Khan as president of the Pakistani-administered part of Kashmir, replacing Brig. Hayat Muhammad Khan.

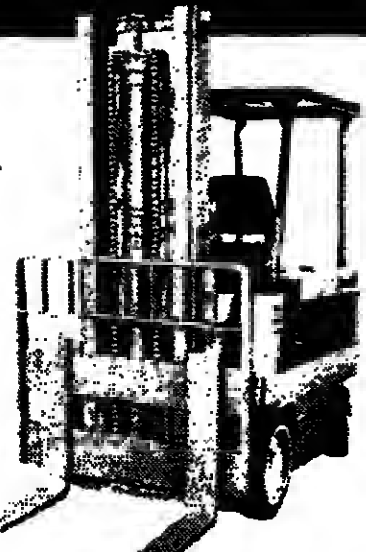
TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel and Zaire signed a major military accord Thursday whereby Israel will recruit, organize and arm Zaire forces guarding the African nation's militarily sensitive border.

TEL AVIV (AP) — A French doctor who visited the Israeli-controlled Ansar Prison camp in South Lebanon said Thursday he found the Palestinian prisoners to be in good condition.

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Two MPs named

Kampala blames priest for backing guerrillas

KAMPALA, Jan. 21 (AFP) — Uganda's Vice-President Paulo Muwanga has publicly accused two opposition members of parliament and a Roman Catholic priest of supporting anti-government guerrillas.

Muwanga was speaking at a rally at Kibibi trading center, 64 kms outside Kampala, where 18 persons were murdered early this week. Among the dead was the local branch chairman of President Milton Obote's ruling party, the Uganda People's Congress, his entire family and three policemen.

Muwanga identified the Democratic Party members of parliament supporting the rebels as Professor Ytweri Kyasimira and Evaristo Nyanzi. He said the two had been named in a written statement by Sajjed Haider Soori, a foreign national who was arrested last month and charged with waging war in Uganda.

He said both Prof. Kyasimira, the shadow minister for higher education, and Nyanzi,

who is shadow finance minister, were reported to have made at least 15 visits to rebel camps, according to Soori's statement. The statement had also implicated a Roman Catholic parish priest in Katende village, south-west of Kampala, Muwanga said, but he did not name the priest.

He said Uganda's Roman Catholic cardinal Emmanuel Nsubuga had been informed about the visit of the priest who was alleged to help recruit rebels and supply them with food.

Muwanga, who is also defense minister, went to address the rally at Kibibi Thursday with army escort following the massacre by unknown gunmen.

The districts near Kampala are strongholds of the opposition party and have been scenes of regular anti-Obote guerrilla activities since the opposition parties accused the UPC of rigging the results of the December 1980 general elections.

For false claims

U.S. detains 100 foreign students

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21 (AP) — More than 100 foreign students across the U.S. have been indicted on charges of collecting federal grants or loans by falsely claiming they were U.S. citizens or resident aliens.

The indictments handed down late Wednesday by federal grand juries in San Francisco, Chicago, Denver and Providence, Rhode Island, are part of a nationwide crackdown on fraud in student aid programs. The department of education and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have been investigating the programs for a year. Arrests of individual students on similar charges occurred sporadically in the past but this is first large-scale indictment, Assistant U.S.

Attorney Peter Robinson said Thursday. Police and federal agents arrested 19 of the 26 students in the San Francisco Bay area Wednesday night. They said the amounts illegally collected by the students ranged from \$227 to \$14,609 and totaled \$77,509 for all 26.

The students, ranging in age from 19 to 40, are from Mexico, Peru, Nigeria, Iran, Chile, France, Ghana, Honduras, El Salvador, Jordan, Nicaragua, Venezuela and Yemen. They face charges of mail fraud, making false statements to the federal government to obtain money and falsely claiming to be U.S. citizens or resident aliens. If convicted, all the students could be deported.

Move to expel foreigners

Nigerian leader fears retaliation

LAGOS, Jan. 21 (AP) — Nigeria's top labor leader Thursday said he feared other African nations will retaliate against the Nigerian government's move this week to expel foreign nationals without valid work permits, the Nigerian news agency reported.

Lasisi Osumbe, general secretary of the Nigeria Labor Congress, said Nigeria should have consulted other governments before Monday's announcement giving foreign nationals a two-week deadline to leave. Osumbe said a "more positive method of dialogue" with other governments whose nationals were affected would have avoided the risk of retaliatory expulsions of Nigerians. Among the major groups affected are

15,000 people from Chad and thousands from Ghana who have been living in this west African state. Officials gave no estimate of the total number of aliens involved.

Announcing the expulsions, Internal Affairs Minister Alhaji Ali Baba told a news conference that officials will at the end of the two-week deadline begin mass inspections of businesses, factories and private homes to check whether they were still illegally employing aliens. The minister said that last October's outbreak of rioting in three northern Nigerian cities was "traceable" to the "influx of aliens." He said "thousands" of aliens were roaming the streets without any visible means of livelihood.



LAUGHS: President Reagan laughs as he apparently makes a mistake on a computer which reads 'sorry' during his recent visit to Providence St. Mel Private School. The president paid a return visit to the predominantly black school that the White House calls a shining example of what private sector initiatives can do.

Castro meets Graham Greene

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — The man in Havana was Fidel Castro, the visitor was novelist Graham Greene and the subject was Russian roulette.

Greene, 78, told how he often dined with death as a 19-year-old, and each time won the game of chance with a partly loaded revolver. Castro did some mental calculations. He turned to the famed English writer with a look of astonishment and said, "according to the estimate of probabilities, you should be dead."

Greene smiled and replied, "well, I always was bad at mathematics." The story of the recent encounter was reported Thursday by *The Times* of London. Its source was Colombian novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the 1982 Nobel prize winner for literature, who is a friend of both men and was no hand in Havana when Castro and Greene met.

\$90m cocaine seized

BRASILIA, Jan. 21 (AFP) — Brazilian police Wednesday seized 68 kilos (150 pounds) of cocaine here worth \$90 million in one of the biggest drug seizures in recent years, an official communiqué said.

The police also arrested four unnamed traffickers from Grosso do Sul Province, which borders Bolivia, where raw cocaine is produced.

Shagari to visit New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 21 (AP) — Nigerian President Shehu Shagari will pay a four-day state visit to India beginning next Tuesday during which he will have talks with President Giani Zail Singh and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, an official spokesman announced Wednesday.

The spokesman said discussions would focus on bilateral relations and international developments, and a new bilateral trade agreement would be signed during Shagari's visit. The Nigerian leader will also be the chief foreign guest at India's Republic Day celebrations here next Wednesday.

The spokesman said the Indian government viewed Shagari's visit as one of "special importance" in view of the "close and friendly" cooperation existing between the two countries in various fields. India imported about \$145 million worth of crude oil from Nigeria in 1981 and exported about \$60 million worth of machinery, transport equipment, chemicals and pharmaceuticals to the West African country.

India has sent a large number of technical experts to Nigeria to help in the modernization of the Nigerian railway system, telecommunications and textile industry.

On retrieving German records

Anthony Blunt refutes reports

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — Anthony Blunt, former royal art advisor unmasked as a Soviet spy, Thursday denied a report that he had carried out a postwar mission to retrieve captured German records of conversations between the late Duke of Windsor, Adolf Hitler, and other top Nazis.

The report in *The Daily Express*, said the secret mission in 1946 gave (formerly Sir Anthony) Blunt immunity from prosecution when it was revealed in 1979 that he had been an agent for Moscow. Blunt said Thursday he had gone to West Germany at the request of

the late King George VI. He had been accompanied by the Windsor Castle archivist and their mission was to recover correspondence that Queen Victoria had exchanged with her eldest daughter, Empress Fredericka of Prussia.

But *The Daily Express* article, written by the newspaper's espionage specialist, Chapman Pincher, was "quite untrue," Blunt said. The Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward VIII and brother of King George VI, spent some time in Austria after his abdication in 1936.

Chemical war affects Vietnamese

BANGKOK, Jan. 21 (AFP) — An international conference on the effects of chemical warfare in Vietnam has concluded that the substances have had lingering after-effects on humans, the official Vietnamese news agency reported Friday.

The agency report, monitored in Bangkok, cited a study adopted at the end of a symposium in Ho Chi Minh city that was attended by 160 experts from 21 countries, and by observers from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the Food and Agricultural Organization. The symposium was held from Jan. 13 to 20.

The 10-point report specifically noted findings by Vietnamese experts that herbicides and defoliants "affected chromosomes and caused congenital anomalies" and that children born to Vietnam war veterans had a higher incidence of abnormalities.

The report said: "Many of the preliminary conclusions of Vietnamese scientists represent new points observed in the realities of Vietnamese society, which have never been dealt with, or else have been only inadequately dealt with in foreign research works."

The participants stressed that further studies were required, especially concerning the chemicals' after-effects and possible counter-active measures. They also said: "unlimited assistance from the international community in all fields related to this endeavor is an urgent necessity."

Another conclusion stated that the Vietnamese environment had been "substantially damaged" by the use of defoliants, including "agent orange," by U.S. forces from 1961 to 1971.

China spurns peace plea by Vietnam

PEKING, Jan. 21 (AP) — China Thursday dismissed as a trick a Vietnamese proposal for a two-week ceasefire along their tense border during the lunar new year next month.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The tension in the Sino-Vietnamese border area was caused single-handedly by the Vietnamese authorities." Their so-called "truce" proposal is nothing but a repeat of an old trick to deceive public opinion.

Last Monday, Vietnam proposed a ceasefire starting Feb. 5 to enable both countries to celebrate the new year festival peacefully. It said that if China agreed, it would return 35 Chinese alleged to have intruded illegally into Northern Vietnam last March. China rejected a similar Vietnamese proposal last January. Frequent clashes, mainly fairly minor, have occurred on the Sino-Vietnamese border ever since the two Communist nations began an exclusive border war in 1975.

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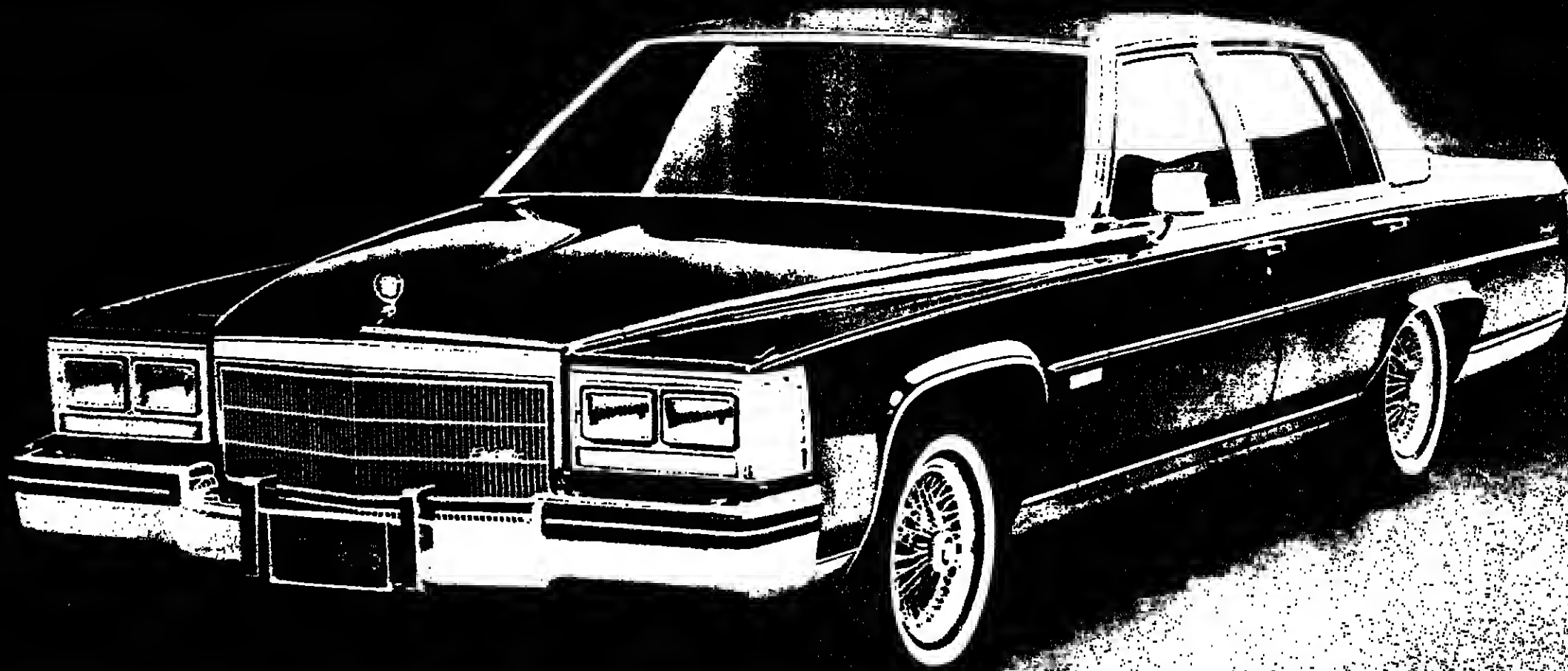


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Mavericks blaze victorious trail

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers, as per the National Basketball Association Players' Association contract, insisted on a first-class flight to Dallas, ... where the Mavericks promptly brought them down to earth.

The players' association's contract with the NBA requires first-class seating for all players on flights lasting more than an hour. In the past, when there weren't enough first-class seats on the same plane, some of the players were "bumped" to the coach section. But an arbitrator recently ruled against that practice because of the contract, which also gives the players first-class priority over the coaches. The Blazers didn't want to put their coaches in coach, so they split the team into two flights from Portland to Dallas.

The result was a 121-112 victory for the Mavericks, who played without their second-leading scorer, had their starting center leave the game for 10 minutes with an injury and had their leading scorer, Mark Aguirre, held below 30 points for the first time in seven games.

"We did it with mirrors," said Dallas coach Dick Motta, who recorded his 601st career triumph after being honored in pregame ceremonies. "We just improvised and made it work."

The Mavericks played without guard Rolando Blackman, out with a sprained ankle, and his 20.5-point average. Aguirre, the NBA's seventh-leading scorer, was held to 27 points, and center Pat Cummings left the game for 10 minutes in the first half for treatment of a tightened calf.

Jay Vincent scored 20 of his 32 points in the second half and Cummings returned to chip in with 18 as the Mavericks won for the fourth time in the last five games. Calvin Natt led Portland with a season-high 34 points.

Clippers 100, Pacers 95: At San Diego. Rookie Terry Cummings scored six key points late in the fourth period, including the go-ahead shot with 2:14 left, to help the Clippers erase an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit and end a three-game losing streak.

Despite his late-game heroics, Cummings finished with 13 points, his lowest total of the season. Jerome Whitehead led San Diego with 18, while Indiana, a loser sixth times in a row, got 25 points from Herb Williams.

Cavaliers 97, Bullets 89: World Free scored 29 points, including 11 in the third quarter, to lead Cleveland to only its second road victory in 18 tries. It was Washington's seventh straight loss. Trailing 63-61 with 4:33 left in the third quarter, Free's seven points highlighted a 13-3 burst that put the Cavaliers ahead 74-66 entering the final quarter.

Washington cut the margin to five with 5:53 left, but baskets by Cliff Robinson and Free put the game out of reach. Robinson had 22 points and a career-high 23 rebounds. Greg Ballard led the Bullets with 18 points.

Sittler sparkles in Flyers' victory

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — Darryl Sittler scored an assist and a goal to become the 17th player in National Hockey League history to score 1,000 or more points, as he led the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 victory over the Calgary Flames Thursday night.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Mike Antonovich's 15-foot wrist shot with less than four minutes remaining in the second period gave the New Jersey Devils a 3-3 tie with the St. Louis Blues.

Goalie Pete Peeters earned his third shut-out in four games and his seventh of the season as the Boston Bruins scored their sixth consecutive victory in a 4-0 decision over the Buffalo Sabres.

And, Mark Napier scored his second goal of the game on a breakaway at 17:35 of the third period to lift the Montreal Canadiens into a 4-4 tie with the New York Islanders.

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An Olympic effort by Los Angeles to lure the Russians

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21 (AP) — The host city of the 1984 Olympic Games put out the hospitality mat in a big way this week and waited for the Russians to say "we're coming."

More than 400 Olympic delegates, here for planning talks about the Games, were taken for dinner into the homes of 53 people who are working on 1984. Some had dinner of turkey and cranberry sauce. Some had apple pie. It was as American as dinners can be.

"It was the idea of our president, Paul Ziffren," said Joan Gifford, assistant vice-president for citizens advisory commissions, who did the overall planning. We wanted to show the delegates that this Olympic city is a friendly city," she said.

The Russian delegation, headed by Victor Ivonin, vice-president of the Soviet Olympic Committee, was among the guests entertained in Los Angeles homes. But

Ivonin struck a slightly jarring note by refusing to confirm that Soviet athletes will compete at the Games.

The U.S. boycott of the 1980 Olympics in Moscow had nothing to do with the matter, Ivonin said at a press conference in his hotel suite. The question of Soviet entries, he added, would be decided after Los Angeles had answered certain questions.

Will the U.S. government honor the Olympic charter and grant entry to all those with Olympic identity cards, without visas? How much will athletes have to pay for bed and meals in the two Olympic villages? Will Aeroflot planes be allowed to land at Los Angeles airport with the athletes aboard?

Can Soviet ships unload equipment? Will there be proper security? Within two hours Peter Ueberroth, executive president of the Los Angeles Organizing Committee, had given positive answers to all the questions.

President Reagan himself addressed the delegates via video tape and told them that all accredited athletes and officials would be granted entry without visas.

Ueberroth said athletes will pay \$35 a day to live on the campuses of the University of Southern California and UCLA, the same as athletes will pay at the Winter Games at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

So now Los Angeles waits for the Russians to say if they are coming. They have until March 1, 1984, to give details of the size of their team. The week's discussions were ending Friday with a joint meeting of the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC).

Ivonin was also critical of the extent to which commercialism and professionalism were being allowed to penetrate Olympic sport. The IOC agreed in 1981 to allow the various international sports federations to redraft their

eligibility rules to make them more realistic.

Ivonin suggested the federations had misunderstood what was required and had opened their doors to commercialism and professionalism. He was particularly critical of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) which agreed last year that athletes could earn money from advertising provided it was paid into trust funds and all negotiations were handled by national federations.

Also for the first time the IOC, whose finances have been revolutionized in the last decade by ever-increasing television rights, will pay the bed and board of six members — probably four athletes and two officials — of every National Olympic Committee.

Ueberroth also revealed that the expected profit would now fall below \$10 million. The organizers had originally expected a surplus of \$21 million from a budget of \$480 millions.

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McEnroe, Vilas sail into semis

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — Fourth-seeded John McEnroe withstood Jose-Luis Clerc's blistering serve and the wrath of the crowd Thursday night to defeat the Argentine 6-3, 6-4 and advance into the semifinals of the \$400,000 Volvo Masters Tennis Tournament.

Earlier, second-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina eliminated Andres Gomez of Ecuador 7-5, 6-4. Vilas and McEnroe will meet in one of Saturday's semifinals.

Friday's quarterfinal matches in this elite 12-man tournament, the finale of the 1982 Volvo Grand Prix, will send third-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia against France's Yannick Noah and Johan Kriek against top-seeded Jimmy Connors. The winner will collect \$100,000, while the runner-up will pocket \$60,000.

McEnroe opened the match by jumping out to a 40-love lead as he dominated with his serve. But just as quickly he double-faulted twice, then netted a backhand to let Clerc pull to love.

The left-hander from New York then ripped off the next two points to hold serve, the

final one coming on a crowd-pleasing forehand volley that caught Clerc at the baseline. Clerc then unleashed his own powerful serve, ripping off a love game. McEnroe broke the Argentine in the fourth game, snapping a 30-30 tie with a forehand volley, then finishing off the game when Clerc netted a forehand.

McEnroe took the first point, then committed his fifth double-fault of the match. Three points later, his backhand volley was long, giving Clerc a 30-40 lead. He pulled to deuce when Clerc netted a forehand volley, then took the advantage on an unforced error by the Argentine.

McEnroe appeared rattled as he poorly hit a forehand volley, dropping the score back to deuce. He lost the next point when he netted a forehand and Clerc had the advantage. One point from a service break.

McEnroe's first serve was called a let. When his next serve was long, umpire Frank Hammond announced "game." Clerc, later correcting himself, ruling that McEnroe would receive two serves, thus eliminating his first-serve fault. After Grand Prix supervisor

Ken Farrar was summoned onto the court, Hammond ordered the point replayed.

McEnroe netted a forehand and Clerc had his break to pull even at 4-4. But McEnroe broke right back in the ninth game, then held serve at 30 to capture the victory and advance to his semifinal meeting with Vilas.

Gomez, who defeated Jose Higuera of Spain in an opening-round battle, moved ahead of Vilas when he broke the Argentine in the third game at love. Vilas broke back in the 10th game, the winning point coming on a forehand volley, then broke Gomez again in the 12th game.

The two traded service breaks in the fourth and fifth games of the second set, with Vilas breaking his opponent again in the sixth game to take a 4-2 lead.

Gomez, urged on by a band of supporters in the crowd, twice had break points on Vilas' serve in the seventh game. But he fought through four deuces before holding serve. Vilas served for the match in the ninth game. However, Gomez, riding a powerful forehand, broke Vilas in pull in 4-5 as he fought off two match points.

Borg may call it a day

ROME, Jan. 21 (AP) — Swedish Tennis star Bjorn Borg is sick of playing tennis and wants to quit, Rome's *La Repubblica* newspaper reported Thursday.

The daily, which cited no sources, said the 26-year-old Borg had told his lawyer Julian Jakobi in Monte Carlo and his manager Peter Larr in London early this week that he "no longer had his heart in the game." *La Repubblica* said Borg told them he wants out of about 50 contracts he had signed with various companies and sponsors.

Borg, a five-time winner at Wimbledon and one of the winningest tennis stars ever, told friends that he wanted more out of life than running 20 kilometers (12 miles) a day and practicing four hours every day, the paper said. The newspaper said Borg's retirement could be made official in the next few days, but did not say how or where.

Meanwhile, the two Italian sportswear companies that sponsor Borg said Friday they

have had no official word from him, but they expected him to announce his retirement "before the end of January."

"We have been asked to meet Borg's lawyer and manager on Jan. 28, and we expect to hear from them that he is retiring," said Piero Gallonetto, public relations man for Diadora, the company that has provided Borg with tennis shoes for the past 10 years.

"In any case, we had already agreed with Borg in 1982 that as long as he did not play he would continue his public relation activities for us," Gallonetto denied Italian press reports that Diadora had canceled a multimillion dollar advertising campaign in the United States centered on Borg.

"We had no such project, and we have changed nothing in our publicity campaign. Even if Borg retires, we will continue to use his image through the duration of our contracts, that expires at the end of 1984," Gallonetto said.



Borg ... opting out!

Stadler enhances lead in Bob Hope Golf

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Jan. 21 (AP) — Craig Stadler, who hasn't made a bogey in the tournament, finished off a 66 with a birdie on the final hole and stretched his lead to an impressive six shots Thursday in the second round of the marathon, \$375,000 Bob Hope Classic.

"It's pretty hard to top a 63," said Stadler, who had that figure in Wednesday's opening round at Indian Wells. "I didn't play nearly as well as I did then, not half as well. But I kept it in play enough, got it close enough, to get out with a pretty good score," he said after his six-under-par effort at Tamarisk.

Stadler, the current Masters champion and 1982 leading money-winner, finished two rounds at 129, a spectacular 15 shot under par. With three rounds to go, PGA champion Ray Floyd, veteran Bob Murphy and Hal Sutton shared second at 135. Sutton had a 69

at Indian Wells. Murphy and Floyd each had a 67 at Tamarisk.

Gil Morgan topped the big group at 136. Also at that figure were Mark Lye, Payne Stewart, Mike Sullivan, Dan Pohl, Chip Beck, John Cook and Rex Caldwell. Beck had a 66 and Pohl 68 at La Quinta. Caldwell shot 69 and Sullivan 70 at Indian Wells. Lye had 69, Cook 67 and Stewart 70 at Tamarisk.

Morgan closed up with a 65, seven-under-par, at La Quinta. He played the front side there in 31 and used only 10 putts on that side.

Jack Nicklaus made eagle-3 on his first hole of the day and shot a 68 at Tamarisk. He had a 140 total for his first two rounds of the season. Defending champion Ed Fournier was at 138 after a 69 at Tamarisk. Arnold Palmer shipped to a 74 at Tamarisk and was at 145 for 36 holes.

The format for this unique event calls for the pros to play one round on each of four courses.

Stadler, winner of four American titles last season, played his front nine this bright, sunny day in five-under-par 31, and highlighted the effort by bolting a sand shot for a birdie.

The birdie from a bunker came on a 40-foot explosion shot on the third hole. He followed with a 30-foot birdie putt on the next one, parred the fifth and then reeled off a string of three birdies in a row starting on the sixth.

He holed from about 12 feet there, wedged to eight feet on the seventh and scored from 20 feet on the eighth. The next nine holes went by to pars, including a 15-foot saving putt on the 13th, and he closed it out with a 12-footer on the final hole.

In World Cup downhill Swiss skier snatches glory

KITZBUHL, Jan. 21 (AP) — Bruno Kernen, a little-known 22-year-old Swiss skier, won Friday's men's Alpine Skiing World Cup downhill race here, to the great surprise of many of his rivals.

Kernen's victory continued a run of Swiss successes in the World Cup. His time of 2:06.68 was eleven hundredths of a second faster than runner-up Steve Podhorski of Canada and 42 seconds better than that of Swiss compatriot Urs Reber.

The race, replacing the canceled Lamberhorn downhill of Wengen, was blessed with good weather conditions after all the snow problems of recent days, but that was not the most startling thing about it.

Kernen, who was making his first appearance on the Kitzbuhl slopes, has been one of the big revelations of the skiing season. After placing 13th at Agail and tenth at Val Gardena in December, he came seventh in the second Val D'Isere downhill early last week, but it was still not expected that he would win a race so soon.

Another Swiss skier, Conradin Cathomen, injured Sulser

retains the lead in the men's downhill World Cup, despite having been eliminated by a fall. He has 84 points, nine more than nearest challenger Franz Klammer, who had a slow race Friday.

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen is leader of the overall World Cup, with 110 points, ahead of compatriot Peter Mueller with 104. The World Cup picture could change Saturday, when the weekend's second downhill event, the Hahnenkamm, is held here.

Meanwhile Switzerland's 19-year-old Maria Walliser won the World Cup downhill race opening the International Women's ski meet in Megève, France, Friday ahead of Marie-Luce Waldmeier of France, according to unofficial results.

Switzerland's World Cup leader Doris de Agostini was third. Eighty women from 14 countries took part in the 2.0 meter long race on the Mount Arbois course in ideal snow conditions.

Nearly 450 competitors will take part in the Montbenoit snows 24 hours Cross Country Skiing race this weekend. The first endurance skiing race, held here a year ago, proved unexpectedly popular. About 400 people entered and 20,000 turned up to watch.

This year there will be 105 teams of four, plus 22 individuals who intend to keep skiing round the clock. The epic event is extremely grueling for competitors, but quite the opposite for spectators. Restaurants will stay open and two orchestras will provide all-night music to entertain the crowds.

U.N. resumes debate on banning sport ties with Pretoria

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — An international code of conduct banning all sporting ties with South Africa could be in operation by the end of the year.

The United Nations ad hoc committee on apartheid in sport, which began work on the project in 1977, resumed Thursday and is expected to put the finishing touches to an international convention during the 38th session of the general assembly in the autumn.

The committee has reached agreement on all points except the crucial one of the extent to which contact with South Africa should be barred.

One version calls on countries "to ensure that their nationals refrain from participating in all events which include individuals or teams from a country practicing apartheid." The other version goes to the extent of also banning all ties with teams or individual athletes who have competed against South Africa.

This hits directly at rugby and cricket playing nations as those sports, and to a lesser extent tennis and golf, are the only ones in which South Africa, which is not named in the draft copy, has been able to maintain international fixtures.

The committee has resumed sitting just a few days after a rebel West Indian cricket team began a highly controversial tour of South Africa. Another fixture which will rekindle the controversy is France's projected Rugby tour of the republic in July.

Injured Sulser to be operated on

ZURICH, Jan. 21 (Agencies) — Claudio Sulser, one of the most prolific goalkeepers in Swiss soccer in recent years, will be out of action for at least two months after aggravating an ankle injury, his club Grasshopper Zurich said Thursday.

Sulser, 28, had been back in training for only a few days when he suffered a recurrence of the injury sustained during an indoor tournament in December. He was undergoing an operation of the ankle. Paul Wolfisberg, manager of the Swiss national team, said he had resigned himself to Sulser's absence in a friendly against Bulgaria on March 9 but hoped he would be available for the crucial European Championship match against Scotland in Glasgow on March 30. Sulser scored a brilliant goal in the 2-0 European Championship win over the Scots in Bern last November.

Meanwhile Enzo Scami, a 27-year-old Italian Third Division footballer, died of a heart attack in Rome, less than an hour after undergoing a routine knee ligament operation. Scami played for Lanerossi Vicenza. He had earlier played in the Second Division for Monza, Verona, and Padova.

Italian First Division leaders Roma will be without their Brazilian star in Paolo Roberto Falcao when they visit Verona Sunday for a tough game against their nearest challengers.

The Brazilian World Cup player will miss the Verona fixture because of one-match suspension imposed after last weekend. Falcao was sent off after the blatant foul, but not before he had prepared Roma's winning goal.

'Little Bird' set the soccer world a twitter

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 21 (AP) — Ask most sports fans who the greatest Brazilian soccer player was, and the answer likely will be, "Pele." But ask Brazilians themselves, and they'll probably tell you, "Pele ... or Garrincha."

Garrincha, popularly known as "The Little Bird" who died here Thursday at the age of 49, never quite attained the international fame that Pele had. But soccer experts and people who saw him play say Garrincha was every bit as talented — if not as fortunate — as his better-known countryman.

On one point the experts agree: Garrincha was the best right wing ever to play the game. Garrincha was a complete player. He could pass, shoot and head the ball as well as anyone. But his unique gift was an astonishing dribbling ability that often left opponents flat on their faces as Garrincha scampered away toward the goal.

His domination of the game was so complete that after the 1962 World Cup in Chile, which Garrincha won almost singlehandedly for the Brazilian team, the Santiago newspaper *El Mercurio* asked in a headline, "What planet is he from?"

Garrincha, whose real name was Manoel Francisco Dos Santos, started his career with a company team at the textile factory he worked for in his hometown of Pau Grande, not far from Rio.

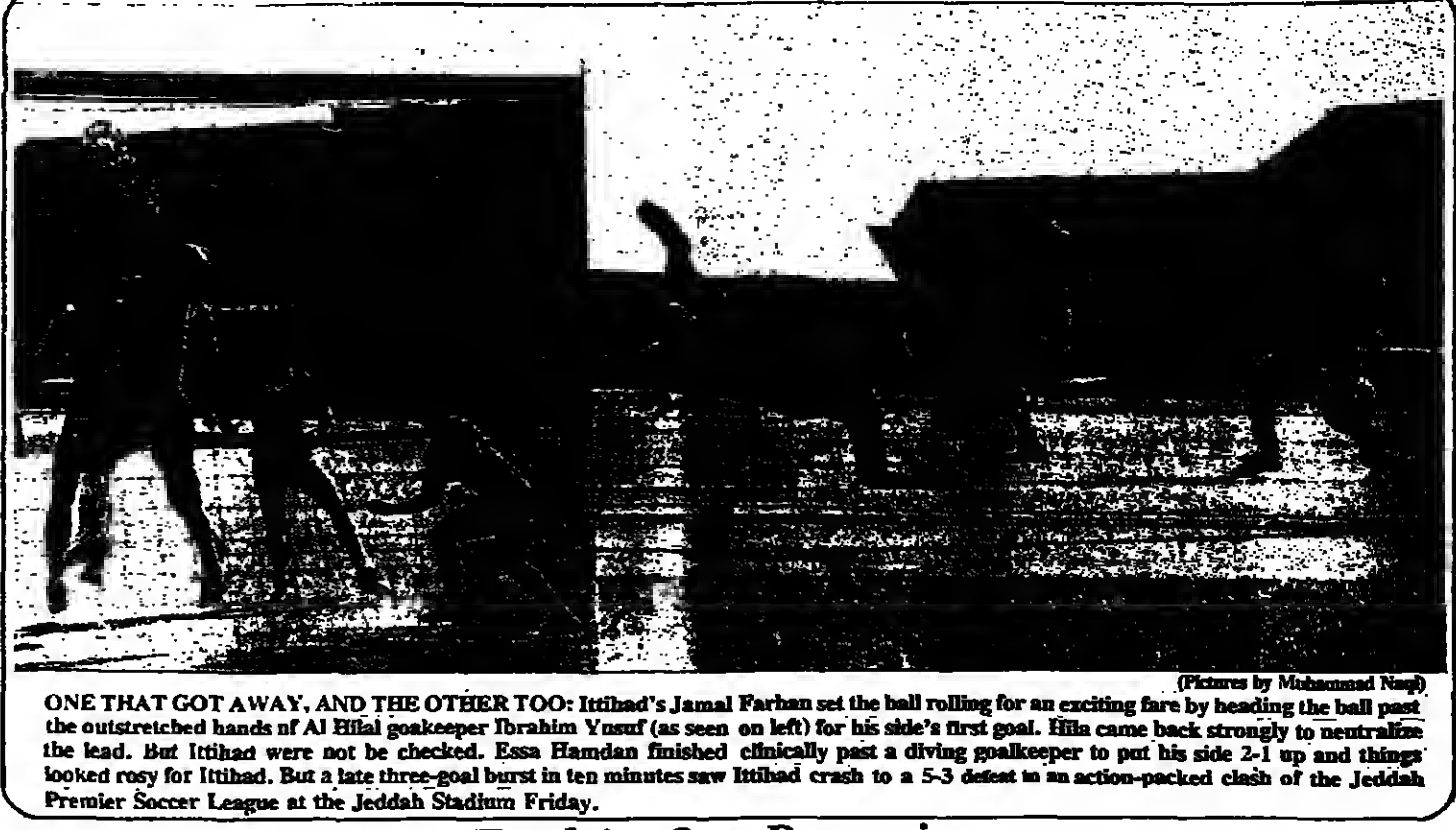
His skill soon attracted the attention of big-league teams in Rio. After tryouts at several clubs he signed in 1953 with Botafogo, where with teammates Nilson Santos, Didi, Amarildo and Zagalo he was to form one of the greatest Brazilian teams of all time.

With his carefree style of play and dazzling ball control, Garrincha quickly became the darling of fans — and the despair of his coaches.

After dribbling around his defensemen, Garrincha would often stop, let his opponent get in position — and dribble past him again. The crowds would go into delirium and shout "ole" whenever he beat his adversary.

In 1955, Garrincha was named for the first time to the national soccer team. Three years later he went to his first World Soccer Cup, in Sweden, but as the second string winger behind Joel, of Flamengo.

After two games, however, a group of veteran starters went to coach Vicente Feola and



ONE THAT GOT AWAY, AND THE OTHER TOO: Ittihad's Jamal Farhan set the ball rolling for an exciting fare by heading the ball past the outstretched hands of Al Hifal goalkeeper Ibrahim Yusuf (as seen on left) for his side's first goal. Hifa came back strongly to neutralize the lead. But Ittihad were not to be checked. Essa Hamdan finished clinically past a diving goalkeeper to put his side 2-1 up and things looked rosy for Ittihad. But a late three-goal burst in ten minutes saw Ittihad crash to a 5-3 defeat in an action-packed clash of the Jeddah Premier Soccer League at the Jeddah Stadium Friday.

Pakistan coasts to a facile 8-wkt. win

KARACHI, Jan. 21 (AP) — Pakistan beat India by eight wickets in their fourth and final One-Day Cricket International here Friday to win the series 3-1.

India won the toss and elected to bat first, scoring 197 for six in their 40 overs, but in reply Pakistan hit the required runs for the loss of only two wickets in 35 overs.

The architect of the Pakistan victory was batsman Zaheer Abbas, who hit his sixth century against the Indians this season, before eventually being caught by Mohinder Amarnath off Balwinder Sandhu for 113.

Pakistan proved their superiority in every department of the game. Their bowlers were faster and more accurate, their batting more confident and their fielding was crisp and nearly faultless. The Indians, on the other hand, having lost the Test series 3-0 earlier this week, seemed completely outclassed.

They changed their batting order this

To claim One-Day series

morning with Sunil Gavaskar coming at No. 5, leaving Arun Lal and Srikanth to open the innings. Both started cautiously, taking no risks against the Pakistan attack of Imran Khan and Tahir Naqqash.

Having weathered the storm for the first seven overs, and their score on 23 without loss, the Indians started to hit out against Sarfraz Nawaz and Mudassar Nazar. Arun Lal immediately hooked Mudassar for a six to long leg. But his celebration was short-lived, when with his own score on 16, and India's total on 41, Arun Lal was bowled by Nawaz.

Mohinder Amarnath, playing with a plastered right forearm joined Srikanth, but was unable to bat comfortably, and was bowled by Nawaz for eight, leaving India at 54 for two. Yashpal Sharma then helped Srikanth carry the score on to 120 before Srikanth was caught by Tahir Naqqash off Ejaz Fakih for

Willis-Imran sides to clash in Sharjah

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 21 (AP) — England's Test cricketers will drop off in the Gulf for an exhibition match on their way home from Australia in March, it was announced here.

The England side have agreed to play Imran Khan's highly successful Pakistan team in a One-Day match in Sharjah near Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. They could collect \$50,000 from the meeting.

England all-rounder Ian Botham, who helped negotiate the deal said: "I went to Sharjah last year for an international double-wicket contest and it was a tremendous tournament. The Test players couldn't believe their eyes when they drove through the desert to suddenly find a cricket ground built out of nowhere. It's like an oasis," Botham said.

Meanwhile, Somerset County cricket club Thursday night denied reports that England all-rounder Botham had been offered 100,000 pounds to sign a new three-year contract.

Club president Colin Atkinson told the annual meeting here that the reports had included the sum which they assumed Botham would receive from a testimonial. However, the club had not offered a testimonial to anyone besides this year's beneficiary, County captain Brian Rose.

He added that Botham was negotiating with the club in an "entirely proper" way and a favorable outcome was expected. Atkinson announced the testimonial last year for their West Indian Test star Viv Richards could reach a club record 60,000 pounds. So far, it stands at 50,000 pounds with lottery and collecting jar proceeds still to be counted.

Score-board

India:		
K. Srikanth c Naqqash b Fakih	48	
Arun Lal b Sarfraz	16	
M. Amarnath b Sarfraz	8	
Yashpal Sharma c Imran b Sarfraz	27	
Kapil Dev c Mansoor b Imran	20	
S. Gavaskar c Raja b Imran	23	
D. Vengalekar not out	22	
S. Kirmani not out	32	
Extras:	1	
Total (for 6 wickets):	197	
Fall of wickets: 1-41, 2-54, 3-120, 4-124, 5-162, 6-192.		
Bowling: Imran 8-2-15-2; Naqqash 8-1-38-0; Mudassar 8-1-30-0; Sarfraz 8-1-31-3; Fakih 8-0-51-1.		
Pakistan:		
M. Khan bow Sandhu	5	
M. Nazar not out	61	
Z. Abbas c Amarnath b Sandhu	113	
I. Ahmed not out	6	
Extras:	1	
Total: (for 2 wickets):	198	
Bowling: Kapil Dev 5-1-11-0; Sandhu 7-0-38-2; Sarfraz 4-0-9-0; Srikanth 2-0-27-0; Sharma 8-0-34-0; Mansoor 8-0-47-0; Gavaskar 1-0-4-0.		



Zaheer Abbas ... cracks 113

Against Coetzee

NEWARK, New Jersey, Jan. 21 (AP) — Pinklon Thomas says Gerrie Coetzee of South Africa is nothing more than a stepping stone. And Thomas says that once he steps over Coetzee, which he plans to do in their heavyweight bout Saturday, he'll have an easier path to a title fight.

"I think I'm capable of fighting for the title in six months," Thomas said Thursday in a telephone interview from his Philadelphia home. "But I'm not going to think about it until I get by this fight. Then I'll focus on the title. I feel I'm going to take care of this guy because he's in my way. He's just another stepping stone."

Thomas, undefeated in 20 pro fights, says he has a few things to prove when he gets into the ring against Coetzee at the Sands Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City — the most important thing being that he steps out of the ring as the winner.

"I think I have more to lose by losing. I think there's always been a question that I still haven't fought nobody," Thomas said. "I think this fight will clean up all questions in people's minds about whether I can fight or not." Thomas has 17 knockouts, 10 in four rounds or less, but he's beaten just one opponent with legitimate credentials — James "Quick" Tillis.

Thomas, who hasn't fought since he put away Tillis in the eighth round on Aug. 14, is rated seventh by both the World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council. He says he hopes to leapfrog in the rankings if he stops Coetzee.

Thomas exudes confidence

Coetzee has similar thoughts. He's 28-3 with 16 knockouts and is the No. 1 WBA contender. The WBC doesn't recognize Coetzee or any other South African boxer because of the country's apartheid policy.

Coetzee, 27, rents a condominium in Brigantine, a community that borders Atlantic City, and plans to apply for U.S. citizenship, a move which may get him a ranking in the WBC and a shot at its title. "I'm fighting the best," Coetzee said. "I should be recognized by the WBC. Maybe not first or third or fourth. But if they give me the 10th ranking, I'll fight my way up."

An October fight scheduled between the two was postponed after Coetzee broke a small bone in his right hand during a sparring session. Coetzee claims his hand is fine. But Thomas says from his own experience — he's broken bones in each hand — he doesn't think his opponent's hand has completely healed.

Meanwhile, British heavyweight Joe Bugner is to fight Tommy Franco Thomas of the U.S. on Feb. 16 at the Alexandra Pavilion, London, it was announced Thursday.

The former world title contender who is making another comeback to the ring had hoped to challenge Lucien Rodriguez of France for the European title. But Rodriguez is currently negotiating to fight Larry Holmes for the world crown. Thomas, ranked 17 in the world should provide a better test for the Hungarian-born Bugner, who recently bowled over two mediocre British heavyweights.

Windies rebels restrict S. Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan. 21 (AP) — South Africa were 299 for six wickets Friday when rain stopped play with 43 minutes to go on the opening day of the first four-day match against the rebel West Indian cricket side.

Meanwhile, in Canberra, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser has announced that West Indian cricketers currently participating in the rebel tour of South Africa would be refused from ever obtaining Australian visas.

Fraser's strong line reinforces Australia's consistent opposition to the apartheid regime in South Africa and follows criticism from other world sporting bodies. The Prime Minister claimed the West Indians' participation in the tour was a blatant breach of the Gleneagles agreement, in which signatory nations agreed to sever sporting links with South Africa.

A spokesman for the prime minister said the ban included the West Indian wicket-keeper David Murray, who has an Australian wife and is expecting a baby soon. Murray has already been banned from playing cricket in South Australia, where his wife resides.

However, a spokesman for the minister for immigration John Hedges said the minister would personally review the Murray case if Murray applied for a re-entry visa into Australia. "The minister is currently examining Murray's status," he said.

However, New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon said his government would, not follow Australia on sporting policy. Muldoon declined to discuss the Gleneagles agreement which has been the center of argument with his government for years, but he said "We will not withhold visas from cricketers because the only people we forbid entry to New Zealand are criminals."

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INVESTMENTS IN CANADA

When a consortium of Arab investors acquired a complex of 11,000 apartments in Canada, there were protests in parliament and the press about the possibility of higher rents for the tenants. It transpired then that the Arab group had been dithered for a long time and that they had to pay an exorbitant price for the property because they had not done their homework properly and had failed to consult those on the spot.

When the deal was announced last year many of those who objected to it feared that the Arab owners will certainly raise the rents in order to make up for the difference between the price they were sucked into paying and the actual prevailing market price.

A lot of anti-Arab feeling was generated and we reacted to it in this space by decrying the whole deal and by advising potential Arab investors to keep their money at home and resist the temptation of tipping their surplus cash in North American investments.

Fortunately, the Canadian government has intervened to hock the sale and declare it invalid on account of the shady conduct of the dealers back there. The government is backing the tenants, who form 10 percent of the whole apartment market in Toronto.

Fair enough, but the Arabs who had put up so much money already must be able to get it back while the Canadian banks may keep the interest.

ISRAELI PLOY

While preparing to visit the United States, Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin has launched a new psychological offensive against the American people nicely timed to distract their attention from the main issues in the Middle East.

The issues at present are no longer the Israeli occupation of Lebanon, the illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, the occupation of part of Syria and the seizure of Taha in Egypt. They are no longer the denial of Palestinian rights and their right to self-determination.

The issues have boiled down to the installation by Syria of advanced Sam-5 missiles to defend its territory against advanced American-supplied aircraft. These missiles might restrict Israel's freedom of action in the skies of the Middle East and might, just might, bring down one or two warplanes on their way to bomb Syria.

This is the whole issue now, and sadly, the American media have been taken in by the Israeli ploy at national distraction. It is oow the Sam-5 threat to the security of Israel that worries the government and media. Not much else matters.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Riyadh Friday described Israel's tactics in dealing with Arabs in occupied territories as Nazi and said the Zionist state would never be able to achieve permanent peace imposed by a decisive victory.

In an editorial headed "murderers and a mad dream," it said "in view of its present military supremacy, the Israeli enemy can achieve lightning victories, but it will never be able to realize durable peace imposed by a decisive victory." It added that a decisive victory would only mean killing all Palestinians and occupying all Arab capitals.

It also said that repressive measures taken by Israeli Army Chief of Staff Gen. Rafael Eitan against demonstrators in the West Bank and Arabs in the Golan reflected a painful headache which would eventually overcome Israel. The paper believed it would be difficult for Israel to convince world Jewry that it had to fight for ever. It is equally difficult for the Jews to see Israel for ever as an old people's home sustained by the American tax-payer.

Al-Riyadh, said, Al-Madiah supported Syria's right to acquire weapons needed to ward off the danger of Zionist

aggression and expansion as well as "treacherous imperialist ambitions." "The upsurge created by Israel and the Western press, notably American newspapers, over the new Soviet missiles installed in Syria reflected the real intentions of the enemies of the Islamic nation — namely that this nation remain weak and incapable of defending itself," the paper said.

Al-Jazirah criticized the U.N. forces' role in South Lebanon. The U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) whose mandate has been extended for a further six-month period, will remain "ineffective" since the U.N. Security Council has refused to expand its role or grant it more power to help Lebanon liberate its territory and enjoy national independence and sovereignty, it said.

On the other hand, Okaz dwelt on the establishment of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), saying it enjoyed an influential role in local legislation which it noted should be changed to suit new developments. It reiterated recent remarks made by GCC Secretary-General Abdulrahman Bishara who described the council as the first serious Arab attempt on the road of unity. (SPA)

Peru army raids anger peasants

By Mike Reid

LIMA: —

Army and police units swarmed into the countryside in the Ayacucho area 9,000ft up in the Peruvian Andes last week in an attempt by the government to stamp out the Maoist-led guerrillas of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) group.

They arrested 150 persons, 66 of whom were still detained at the weekend. Further military raids on mountain communities in this poor and economically backward region are expected. Seven provinces in the southern central Andes were placed under military control by Peru's right-wing civilian President Fernando Belaunde Terry Dec. 29, after three prominent local officials, including the mayor of Ayacucho, had been shot by the guerrillas. Fifteen hundred troops have been deployed in the main towns of the area.

The decision to send in the army, apparently taken with reluctance by Belaunde and his military commanders, is an admission that a previous large-scale police operation has failed. An estimated 2,000 police are in the area, including the heavily-armed Sinchis counter-insurgency unit. The guerrillas gave an early sign of the difficult task facing the army when they ambushed 30 Sinchis who had been airlifted to the isolated community of Santa Rosa, on the eastern slopes of the Andes. Reports that 16 Sinchis were killed have been described as "exaggerated" but the army has declined to release official casualty figures.

Since they began to attack rural police posts and bomb power lines and government offices two-and-a-half years ago, Sendero Luminoso has gradually gained control of most of rural Ayacucho. The police have been forced to withdraw to sand-bagged headquarters in the towns. A 9 p.m.-to-6 a.m. curfew has been in effect for most of this year. At night, the sound of gunfire echoes in the deserted streets.

No evidence has been produced to support repeated claims by President Belaunde that the guerrillas receive outside support. Their weapons have been stolen from the police themselves, supplemented by large quantities of dynamite stolen from mines. They operate in groups of 30 or 40, using their intimate knowledge of the mountain tracks to move rapidly round the area.

Sendero derives its ideology from China's Gang of Four, but the majority of its members are local Ayacucho peasants and secondary school students. Children as young as 14 are reported to have taken part in recent assassinations of village mayors. The guerrillas speak Quechua, the language of the Andean Indians, and have gained support by attacking the traditional enemies of the dirt-poor peasantry of the region: in night attacks they kill landowners and traders in public executions, distributing their land and goods among the community.

Heavy-handed police raids have contributed to the guerrillas' popularity. "Once a young person gets picked up for the first time, the police know them and they get picked up again and tortured," said a student at Ayacucho University, "so they decide they'd rather go and join the guerrillas in the mountains than risk being picked up again and ending up in El Fronton" (the offshore prison where 350 suspected Senderistas are being held without trial).

Police chiefs in Ayacucho are privately bitter at the role the government has given them. "The problem with this population is that 10 percent are friends, 10 percent enemies and the great majority are neutral," one said. "We have to draw that majority toward us but what is happening is that they're going to the enemy because there is no economic and social support for the police action."

Many local people speak bitterly of decades of neglect by successive governments 350 miles away in Lima. (ONS)

British press silence saves two kidnap victims

By Robert Low

LONDON —

When police burst into a house in a quiet south London suburb at 5.30 a.m. on Sunday to free a young businessman from a gang of kidnappers, they chatted up their latest victory in what has become a Scotland Yard success story.

It was the fourth such London kidnapping in eight years to have ended with the metropolitan police freeing the victim unharmed, no ransom paid and a group of men arrested and charged. One of the chief reasons for the success of each operation has been the police policy of enlisting the help of newspapers, radio and television.

On each occasion, Scotland Yard asked for and received a complete media black-out on reporting of the kidnap until the victim or victims had been freed. Although police and media enjoy an often uneasy relationship, the media have so far agreed unreservedly to the police request, because of the risk that the hostages might otherwise be harmed or murdered. The police policy arises from the common demand of all kidnap gangs that the hostage's

family should not contact the police. The only means they have of knowing the police have been told is by reading about it in the press, hearing it on the radio or seeing it on television.

Thus media silence can fool the kidnappers into believing their instructions are being fulfilled and that they can confidently enter ransom negotiations without being monitored by the police. Lulled into a false sense of security, they may also make careless mistakes that will enable the police to discover where they are holding their hostages. When police raided the house where the latest victim, Emmanuel Xuereb, 33, was being held, it was probably the first time his kidnappers knew that the authorities were involved in the case.

It was only after Xuereb was freed that the embargo was lifted and the public was allowed to know about the kidnap which had begun five days earlier when he and his wife Maria, 25, were dragged from their home in Kent by a gang of masked men whom they found waiting for them as they entered laden with shopping.

Xuereb's family contacted the police

immediately after receiving the kidnappers' first telephone call and within hours the police had in turn contacted all possible media outlets to ask for the black-out. They held a daily press conference at Scotland Yard to keep the media briefed on developments and were remarkably frank with the amount of detail they provided. They also promised the embargo would be lifted as soon as the victims were safe; the promise was kept.

Outside the small group of reporters who assembled at the Yard every day, as few people as possible were let in on the secret. Some employees at Xuereb's office had to be told as the kidnappers frequently telephoned his father to negotiate the ransom. (At first £2 million was demanded, but it later came down to £525,000).

Xuereb senior, a wealthy diamond merchant, was instructed by the police who were constantly at his side to try to give the kidnappers the impression that he was complying with their demands and wanted to cooperate to free his son and daughter-in-law, who were frequently threatened with death. Four days after being snatched, Maria Xuereb

was unexpectedly released by the gang, in itself indication of their confidence that things were going their way. To maintain the illusion of their non-involvement, the Yard sent what looked like a London taxi to pick her up from the public call box from which she had called her father-in-law. It was, in fact, from their own car pool.

Although deeply distressed by her ordeal she was able to tell the police that she believed the strategem had deceived the kidnappers.

Twenty-four hours later, the kidnappers knew differently, though for the moment the police are not saying what finally led them to the address where Xuereb was being held.

"Without the help of the press the whole thing would have been impossible," said a Scotland Yard spokesman afterward. "It depends on the cooperation of everybody. It would just need one paper to break the embargo and break the story and all the others would feel obliged to follow suit. 'We like to think we haven't abused the system,' which perhaps borne out by using it only four times in eight years." (ONS)

Letters to the editor

Sir,

Battle of Panipat

It is a tyranny of the historians that they relate the gun, Zamzama, to a paradoxical child, who played under it, and out the engineer who made it or the king who used it.

Here, I wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Third Battle of Panipat was fought between Ahmad Shah Durrani and Bajji Rao, the Maratha ruler, and not between Ahmad Shah and the Mughuls as mentioned in the article "The Zamzama of Rudyard Kipling's Kim" published in Arab News dated Jan. 6, 1983.

This was the battle which the Muslims had to win or they would have been wiped out of the Indian subcontinent. And it was a complete victory for the Muslims.

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Insurance claims

Sir,

The present G.O.S.I. scheme covers both locals and expatriates. The locals being residents are in an advantageous position. They can work till retirement and carry home the full benefits of this scheme. The expatriates, on the other hand, are not so fortunate for the following reasons:

1. The Insurer must pay 60 Insurance premiums to qualify for adequate compensation.
2. On attaining the age of 58 as per the Arabic

calendar, the insurer will receive his benefits.

The above two conditions are fundamentally and basically impractical and cannot be applied to the expatriates. How is it possible to comply with the stipulated conditions in para 1 and 2 when most of the expatriates are contracted to work for only two or three years at the most. They are compelled to leave the Kingdom, should the company not secure a second term. Scores of companies in the past few years have folded up after three years of stay in the Kingdom.

Most of the expatriates fall in the age group of 21-28 years. As per para 2, they will have to wait for 30 years to receive their dues. According to U.N. studies, the life expectancy for males in most Asian countries is fixed at 55 years. How many will live to receive these benefits is any one's guess.

Further, documents have to be attested and certified by law courts and embassies to forward our claims. As most of the expatriates stay far from cities, going there will be a difficult job, not to mention the time consuming factor of correspondence, if documents are not in order.

These are realistic and factual difficulties. A majority of the expatriates will thus be deprived of their dues and millions of riyals will lie unclaimed.

On the strength of the above, may I humbly suggest that the workers' dues should be settled in toto on leaving the Kingdom for good. In the alternative, a minimum of 1 percent of employees' salary should be recovered to cover the cost of accidents

and hospitalization during the duration of our stay in the Kingdom. This scheme will be well received by the expatriates, as the loss if any will be negligible.

A rich and benevolent country like Saudi Arabia is blessed by Allah with immense wealth and resources. Saudi Arabia does not need these unclaimed millions to grow any richer. Many more millions have been given to just causes.

We request His Majesty King Fahd, the generous and kind-hearted King, the noble ministers of G.O.S.I. to understand our difficulties and reconsider our request as suggested above vis a vis our dues.

This noble gesture will gladden the hearts of all expatriates. My company, which was attached to the Damman port, closed down a month ago. My colleagues have left for home, a few of us are still here. To be specific, I have paid SR80/- p.m. for three years — a total of SR2,400. To me, this huge sum is a total loss. The same applies to my colleagues and all expatriates. Thirty years hence, I don't know where I will be, or what will become of me and my next of kin. How then, can I ever hope of getting any monetary relief? Isn't this a million dollar question?

"Kim T. Yong"
"I.G.G.J.C."
Port of Damman,
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Damman.



Today is Saturday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 1983. There are 345 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1517 — Turkish troops take Cairo.
1528 — England and France declare war on Roman Emperor Charles V.
1771 — Spain agrees to cede Falkland Islands to Britain.

1863 — Ismail becomes Khedive of Egypt on death of Muhammad Ali.
1901 — Death of Queen Victoria and accession of Edward VII in England.

1945 — British 14th army takes Monday on Chindwin River in Burma.

1962 — Foreign ministers of the 21 nations of the Organization of American States meet in Uruguay to consider threat of Cuba to Western hemisphere. Julius Nyerere resigns in Tanganyika and Rashid Kawawa forms ministry.

1967 — Chinese broadcast says anti-Maoist army of workers, peasants and army veterans has seized control of most of Kiangsi Province in Southeast China.

1976 — United States and Spain agree on defense treaty permitting U.S. to continue to maintain military bases on Spanish soil.

Thought for today:

Take the world as it is, not as it should be — Anonymous.

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KGB--the largest archipelago of jails in man's history

By Susan Pearce

LONDON (AP) — Although the secret police firmly controlled the Soviet Union for 65 years, it could not reach the No. 1 position until the rise of Yuri Andropov to the top. Western correspondents in Moscow reported that people in the Soviet capital whispered "KGB... KGB..." This name is so terrifying that several "Kremlinologists" thought that Andropov could not be first secretary because of his KGB background. That's why he left the KGB, officially, last May, dedicating himself, for a few months, to the job of Sudov, the party-ideologue who died last January.

The story of the Soviet secret police is an extraordinary thriller with millions of victims, among them five former heads of the same espionage and repressive apparatus. Several predecessors of Andropov rose and fell under the fire of an execution squad, in the same prison where they killed thousands of victims. But for the time being, the entire story of the KGB — Cheka at the beginning — was not told yet. Only five major books were published on the topic because it is extremely difficult to get material on this immense apparatus which employs 250,000 agents, inside and outside the Soviet Union. As a matter of fact, this is by far the largest "company" in the world, the largest espionage network and the largest "archipelago of prisons and slave labor camps" in history.

The first head of the Cheka — which stands for "Combating Counterrevolution and Sabotage" — was Felix Dzerzhinsky, an amster and merciless revolutionary, and a close colleague of Lenin. He was of Polish descent. From December 1917, the Cheka began a reign of terror. An official decree "On Red Terror" in 1918, authorized the Cheka to arrest and execute suspects without courts or trials. In a few years, the name Cheka was tied to such horror that it was changed to GPU — Political Directorate of the State. Later, it was named OGPU, meaning Unified Directorate. Dzerzhinsky died in 1926 and he was buried near the Kremlin Wall in Red Square. In 1977, marking the 10th anniversary of Dzerzhinsky's birth, Yuri Andropov, then chairman of the KGB, delivered the main address. In front of the KGB headquarters in the frightful Lubyanka prison, a monument of Dzerzhinsky emerged.

Dzerzhinsky was the confidante of another Pole, Vyacheslav R. Menzhinsky, and guided him, his deputy, Menzhinsky expelled informant networks in the 1920s industry, village, factory and commune, his idea was that everybody should spy on his neighbors. The OGPU organized the early show trials

and administered a network of slave labor camps. It also carried out Stalin's farm collectivization policies, slaughtering resisting peasants. A secret police report informed Stalin that the death toll — including those who died from hunger and diseases following hunger — amounted to 3 and a half million; other observers said that the number was closer to 5 and a half million.

Menzhinsky died in 1934 and was succeeded by his deputy, Genrikh G. Yagoda, who was responsible for the killing of most of the resisting peasants. But, again, the organization's name was changed because Moscow wanted to be admitted into the League of Nations. The OGPU became the GUGB, Chief Directorate for State Security and a branch of NKVD — "Narodnyi Komissariat" — which also encompassed the Comintern, dedicated to subversion outside the Soviets.

Yagoda was a pharmacist and according to several authors on books on the Soviet secret service, he personally conducted research and experiments on prisoners in the basement cells of Lubyanka. But because of this kind of interest, Stalin thought that he was not vigorous enough to organize and control the great purge trials which began in 1934. Stalin simply ordered his arrest and his case was a model of a show trial; he was accused of being a foreign spy and a murderer and was shot. He confessed that he had authorized the poison deaths of both Maxim Gorky, the famous Russian writer and his predecessor, Menzhinsky.

The purge trials of the 1930s horrified the world. The Moscow trials ordered the execution of party leaders whom Stalin could not dominate in life. Also, an incredible number, 30,000, military officers, foremost among them Marshall Tukachevsky, were executed, and between 500 and 3,000 members of the security apparatus administered then by Yagoda's successor, Nikolai Ivanovich Yezhov.

Then came Lavrenti Beria, a Georgian like Stalin, who tracked down Leon Trotsky in Mexico and ordered his assassination by an agent who became the confidante of the exiled Russian revolutionary.

When Stalin died, Beria wanted to merge MVD and MGB. His potential power was so great that his colleagues, frightened of him, decided to kill Beria. His "friends," Krushchev, Malenkov and Molotov obtained the support of Army leaders who also were afraid of Beria. Suddenly Beria was arrested, and three months after Stalin's death, was tried as "a foreign spy" and executed.

In March, 1954, the security apparatus' name was changed to KGB, responsible for political police functions and clandestine operations abroad.

Irish debate divorce

By Betty O'Connor

DUBLIN (R) — Ireland, the only country in Europe where divorce is barred, looks set to introduce it soon, according to pressure groups and liberal politicians.

The minority Workers Party plans later this month to introduce a bill in the Irish parliament calling for a referendum on divorce.

The party does not expect to get sufficient backing for its bill at this stage but a spokesman said support was growing for reform and politicians could no longer avoid the issue.

Legal proceedings have already begun to take the government of this predominantly Catholic country to the European Court of Human Rights over the ban.

The absence of civil divorce in our country is a deprivation of civil liberty, which is unacceptable in a modern Western democracy," said Dublin-based Divorce Action Group in its submission to the European Commission on Human Rights, which last decide whether the court can hear the case.

Campaigners say the ban could finally go under the new, more liberal government of Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald which replaced Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail administration last month.

The Labor Party is the junior partner in Dr. Fitzgerald's government and party sources

said divorce reform figured prominently in pre-coalition hargaining.

The government agreed to set up an all-party committee which will make recommendations on the problem of marital breakdown and the protection of marriage and on any requisite legislative and constitutional changes.

Under existing law, anomalies abound. An Irishman can get a divorce in neighboring Britain if he is residing there, and this will be recognized in Ireland. But a British divorce obtained by an Irish woman will not be recognized if her husband lives in Ireland, because she is legally considered to be domiciled in the same country as he.

Civil courts can grant a decree of nullity — a full separation with no right to remarriage — while the Catholic church can grant marriage annulments, ruling that marriages never existed. But the civil courts do not recognize these, and regard remarriages following them as bigamous.

A spokesman for the Labor Party said he had no doubt that divorce would be introduced in the Irish Republic. It was only a matter of what form the legislation should take.

Dr. Fitzgerald is known to favor liberalizing the constitution, which was strongly influenced by the Catholic church when it was drawn up in 1937.

word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

Too much "too". L.C.B. is bothered by the use of too instead of very, as in "There weren't too many at the meeting."

She writes "This would indicate that there were enough not to overcrowd the place, when they are trying to say there were not enough."

This column is famous for contending that the important thing is usually whether the meaning is clear to your reader. And although the grammar may be technically a little sticky in this case, the same criterion should probably be applied — does your reader understand you? Certainly it's a fairly common form of "colloquial" or conversational language. Sometimes the usage can be logical, as in "He was too engrossed in farming to realize his failure." Sometimes illogical, such as L.C.B.'s example above.

I find a complex treatment of logical and illogical uses of too in Margaret Nicholson's Dictionary of American-English Usage. A much simpler explanation appears in the American Heritage Dictionary which says "Not too meaning approximately not very is common in casual usage. (Passage of the bill is not too likely.) Too can often be eliminated from the sentence without loss."

Cut out of the bag. When a dictionary gives two or more ways to pronounce a word, does that mean the first pronun-

tion given is preferable or more correct? My guess is that many people believe this (as I did for years).

An hour's small-type research in the front of half a dozen of today's best dictionaries will show you that such an idea is a myth.

If you'd like to spare yourself the scholarly "buts and ifs," here is the gist. When more than one pronunciation is shown, there is sometimes no difference at all. Take your choice. More often, however, the first pronunciation is, or is believed to be, the more frequent one. But printing it in first position is not intended to suggest any preference" (to quote the American Heritage Dictionary). Either pronunciation is equally reputable.

In rare cases, where a pronunciation shown in second position is less acceptable or considerably less common than the first, it is usually qualified by some such word as "also" or "occasionally" preceding it. (Example: colleague — COLL-eg, also COLL-ig.)

Dictionary editors admit it's often difficult to be sure which variant is more common. But they say that any variant shown is good standard English.

So — don't agonize over how to choose between pronunciations in the dictionary. Stick to one you're used to, or use the one your friends use.

'Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice'

By Muhammad Haseeb Ullah

In Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony knew quite well that he was the best orator in Rome, yet when speaking at Caesar's funeral he was aware that his oratory will prove superfluous if he did not have a good listening audience. Thus he began his oft-quoted words: "Friends, Romans and countrymen, lend me your ears." What followed is history.

The importance of listening has always been belittled. There have been innumerable books on good speaking but very few on good listening. Listening is unfortunately considered a simple passive exposure to sound and little or no importance is attached to it. As a matter of fact, listening is a conscious, positive act requiring will power and understanding.

According to Keith Davies communication is a two-way process, and listening, in order to know what and how to communicate is often as important as speaking and writing.

In his book on transactional analysis, Games People Play, Berne asserts that a child first learns to hear not to speak, as is wrongly assumed. How would he know what to speak until he has heard it spoken before him? So listening takes precedence over speech.

In business organizations, communications and feed back are the most vital parts. A research carried out by Donald Wienarch and Joseph Swanda shows that a typical employee spends 30 percent of his time listening. So it constitutes an important part of his job. The researchers further assert in their paper entitled "examining the significance of listening," that good listening by managers encourages others to respond by listening more attentively to what they say. It is a form of behavior modeling.

Thus it can be said that listening is a vital link in communication. No family, society or organization can exist without communication. Communication is the transference of information and understanding from one person to another. It is sharing ideas, meanings and information. It involves more than one person, for while a person can initiate a communication, the process cannot be completed until there is proper receiver.

Communication is of various kinds. People communicate through various channels, viz language, pictures, actions etc., but the most used and accepted medium of communication is language. Oral communication is used by 88 percent of the world population to make one another understood, to give information, instructions, orders etc.

Oral communication involves speaking and listening. Words are meant to communicate meaning, not sound. Yet oral communication uses both phonetics, the science of sounds, and semantics, the science of



meaning. For, apart from what is said, how it is said and interpreted is also of prime importance. Effective listening plays a vital role in oral communication. An average individual speaks 100 to 200 words per minute, whereas an average listener processes words even faster. But how many of us ponder on the complex process involved in oral communication?

The following steps would give a rough idea: First there is a concept/idea formation which is a psychological function. Then the encoded message is passed on to the vocal cords for onward transmission to the listener. The vocal cords, tongue etc., come into action and the message is transmitted. This is a physiological process. Then follows the physical stage whereby the message in form of sounds travels to the receiver. The message touches the tympanic membrane of the receiver but the process is not complete until the receiver reverses the process. This means he has to send the message so received to the brain to get it decoded and also to formulate a correct response. The next time you speak or hear, consider the process involved and don't treat the oral communication lightly.

The five rules of communication which is widely accepted are receive, understand, accept, use and feedback.

There is a subtle difference between

hearing and listening. We hear with ears and listen with the mind. When a person says he can hear you, it does not necessarily mean he understands you. On the contrary, when one says he is listening to you it entails that he is decoding your message and would respond accordingly.

Emphasis on good listening is comparatively a contemporary development. There are many books on speaking, but very few on listening. The first English book on the subject was published in 1957 by Ralph Nicolas & Leonard Stevens: *Are You Listening?*

A Chinese proverb says "nature gave people two ears, but only one tongue which is a gentle hint that one should listen more than talk."

Good listening helps receivers to interpret exactly the idea a sender intended. Listening generates better information inputs thereby facilitating better decisions. Good listeners learn not just what a person is saying but also something about the person himself. It should not be forgotten that Good listening is part of good manners too. The transactional analyst insists that in organizations there are various cross communication but this is only because people do not practice the habit of good listening.

Listener's can process words faster than

the speaker with training increasing listening comprehension still further. A good listener would devote the time spared in word process to review the meaning of what is heard, the objectivity of the speaker, cross-examine the evidence and finally prepare the right response.

The golden rule about listening is "do unto others as you would like others to do unto you." Thus if you want yourself to be heard effectively, then practice good listening first.

Keith Davies gives some very good tips for good listening. Some of them are:

— Put the talker at ease — that is, help a person to feel free to talk.

— Remove distractions — that is, do not doodle, tap, read mail or shuffle papers when some one is talking to you.

— Empathize and be patient with talkers — try to help yourself see the other man's point of view. Avoid direct criticism and argument. This puts the speaker on the defensive and they may "calm up." Asking questions helps in developing points further.

We can thus say effective listening is as important if not more, than effective speaking. As Shakespeare made Polonius say in *Hamlet* "give every man thine ear, but few thy voice."

Mideast's first rapid transit system

By John Smith

BAGHDAD (LPS) — Construction of the Baghdad Metro, the first rapid transit system in the Middle East, will begin in August 1983. Designed to handle public transport demand in the more densely populated parts of the city, the metro is an important component of a comprehensive development plan for Baghdad's metropolitan area.

Running through Baghdad's three major redevelopment projects, the metro will have pedestrian concourses to connect with new shopping complexes and office buildings. In the outlying areas, stations will be the focus for the expansion of local and district community centers.

The metro, construction of which will take nearly ten years, is to be developed in three phases. Phase I will comprise two lines with 36 stations and cover a distance of 32 kms. Phase II will consist of extensions with 10 stations and 11 kms of track; and phase III will consist of a proposed third line of 20 — 25 kms plus a regional rapid transit system.

More than 200 individual contracts will be placed during construction, and over 3000 people will be needed to operate the system. It is estimated that by the year 2000 the metro will be used by a million passengers a day.

Phase I is the responsibility of the British Metro Consultants Group (BMCG), a consortium of British firms appointed in May 1981 as general consultant to the Baghdad Rapid Transit Authority (BRTA), and the recommendations for the system were jointly developed by BRTA and BMCG. Also associated with BMCG are London Transport International and Transmark.

The first section of this phase is expected to start operating a public service in December 1987 with completion in January 1990. It will interconnect the four corners of the urban

area with a conventional underground rapid transit service operating six-car trains.

Phase II extensions should be initiated soon after 1990, while phase III is recommended to start at the same time, with the regional rapid transit system to follow.

The BMCG recommended system consists of a two line, duo-rail, 32 kms long, with 36 stations. It will be completely underground with a bump configuration and constructed almost equally in bored tunnel and cut and cover. The slurry shield technique will be used for the driven tunnel with diaphragm wall for the cut and cover section.

With a design load of 30,000 passengers an hour, the metro will be able to carry 45,000 passengers at peak periods. Stations will be spaced 0.85 kms apart on average, the shortest distance between stations being 0.53 kms and the longest, 1.30 kms.

The standard train will consist of six cars, each 3.2 meters wide and either 22 or 22.3 meters-long giving an overall train length of 137 meters. Each car will be air-conditioned, will have fire doors, 1100 milli-meters wide, on both sides and will have seating for 84 passengers and standing room for a further 162, giving an overall train capacity of 1476.

Trains will accelerate and decelerate and will travel at a maximum speed of 80 kms an hour. Power control will be rheostatic with mechanical-electrical braking, though thyristor control with regenerative braking could be tested on future trains.

Trains will be controlled by a central computer allowing automatic operation under the supervision of a motorman. Electrical and mechanical interlocking of signal blocks will provide a second level of protection against accidents.

Power will be provided from overhead pantographs, and stations will be ventilated and cooled.

Tunnels for the metro system will run



BAGHDAD METRO: This is an artist's impression of the Baghdad Metro which forms an important part of a comprehensive plan for the development of Iraq's metropolitan area.

mostly under existing streets. It is envisaged that the average depth of the network in the inner city will be about 18 meters. Twin single-track tunnels have been recommended.

Routes will be served by up to 32 trains until midnight. On the initial sections of the two lines, trains will at first have a frequency of between four and six minutes at peak periods. By the year 2000, when passenger numbers will have increased, they will run at intervals of two minutes or less during the busiest part of the peak and at 2 1/2 minute intervals during most off-peak hours.

Although the two lines will operate at first as separate routes, they should eventually be interworked to offer travelers a choice of destinations without transfer and will result in improved operations at the central station, which would otherwise have excessively large numbers of passengers changing between the lines during peak hours.

Power will be supplied from the State Organisation for Electricity's 132 kV system at four convenient supply points near metro stations and it will not be necessary to construct a separate power station for BRTA operations.

Automatic train protection will be a feature of train control. This fail-safe system ensures that trains do not exceed permitted speeds and stop clear of other trains.

Automatic train regulation, which provides headway regulation so that running can be optimized, will also be incorporated. It can also provide statistics to help staff rationalize and efficiently regulate train and passenger movements.

To achieve a safe and comfortable environment three control systems will be provided — train air conditioning, tunnel ventilation, station ventilation and air conditioning.

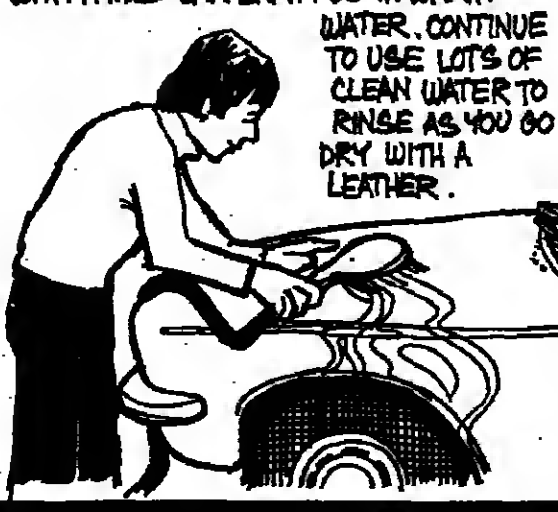
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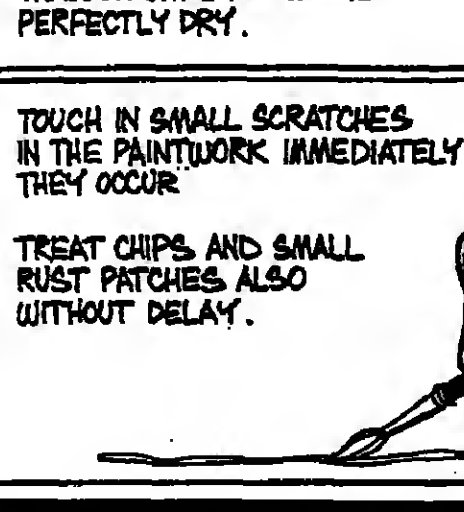
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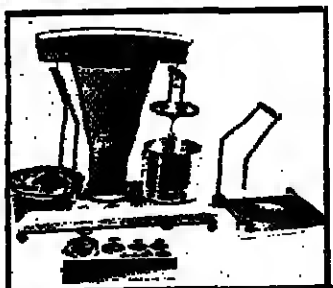
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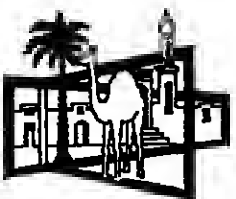
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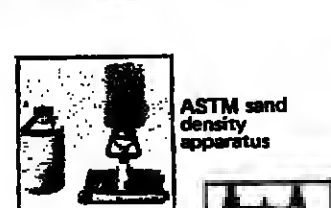
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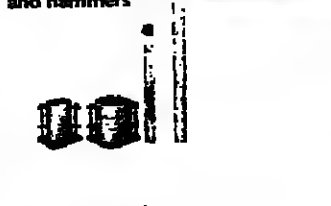
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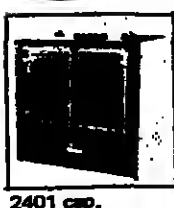
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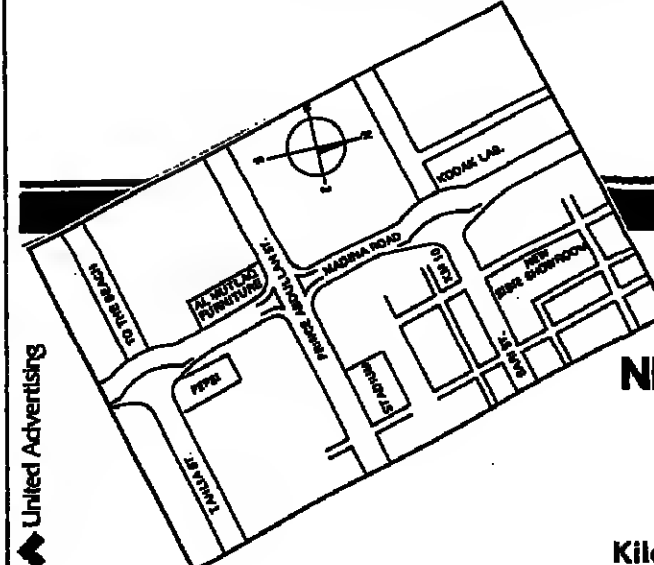


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Prices rise by 3.9% in '82

U.S. keeps tight rein on inflation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) — Consumer prices, restrained at the end by a big December decline, rose just 3.9 percent in 1982 in the U.S., the smallest gain in a decade, the government said Friday.

In the last month of the year, the Labor Department's consumer price index recorded a 0.3 percent price tumble. The monthly drop, only the second recorded since 1965, equaled last March's decline.

The advance posted for the full year was less than half the 8.9 percent of 1981.

The department said that plunging mortgage interest rates and a further easing in energy prices were responsible for about three-fourths of the moderation in the yearly inflation measure.

In December alone, housing costs overall

tumbled 0.8 percent, driven by a sharp 4.6 percent drop in home financing costs. Home price themselves rose a tiny 0.2 percent. Food prices also fell, off 0.1 percent.

Gasoline prices declined 0.9 percent. At year's end, such prices were 7.6 percent below their March 1981 peak. Medical care costs, as they had all year, rose. Such expenses were up 0.7 percent last month for the year, they shot up 11 percent.

Of all the components in the index, only medical care costs grew at a higher rate last year than in 1981. Overall, economists attributed the inroads made last year in controlling inflation mostly to the serious recession, good crop harvests and the worldwide oil surplus.

Indeed, the Labor Department said

gasoline prices for the year fell 6.6 percent, the most since the depression year of 1935, when records were first kept.

Gasoline prices had risen 9.4 percent in 1981, 18.9 percent the year before that, and 52.2 percent in 1979, when Middle East oil producers raised their prices and gas lines appeared around the country.

Food prices, reflecting in part the bountiful harvests, rose only 3.2 percent last year, down from the 4.3 percent increase of a year earlier.

Housing costs for the year rose 3.6 percent, well under the sharp 10.2 percent increase of 1981. Home financing costs tumbled 6 percent; they had soared 20 percent the year before. But home prices themselves rose at a sharper rate last year, jumping 7.5 percent after a 1.2 percent gain in 1981.

Farmers head Thailand's sparkling success story

BANGKOK, Jan. 21 (R) — The impoverished farmers who produce Thailand's biggest export, rice, are also responsible for a sparkling economic success story — gems.

Exports of Thai and imported gems, fashioned by 400,000 cutters whose skills have won them international renown, should reach \$400 million this year, according to Anant Salwala, head of the Thai Gems Traders and Jewelry Association.

Gem exports have increased seven-fold in the past five years and are now Thailand's sixth largest export, Anant said. The boom seems certain to continue with the growth of Thailand's reputation as a world jewelry center. But the wealth stops short of the cutters, most of whom are poor rice farmers desperate for extra income.

When not planting or harvesting, the farmers work at city lapidaries earning about \$2

a day cutting precious stones which ultimately will decorate some of the world's most exclusive carriages, necks and fingers. "The cutters here are the best in the world," said Anant, employer of 400 seasonal cutters. A foreign gem appraiser said: "They can judge how to cut a stone just by using the naked eye."

Gem imports soared after the Thai government bowed to pressure from dealers in 1977 and lifted an 8.3 percent import tax on uncut gems and diamonds, Anant said. Now the best gems from other major producing areas, South Africa, Sri Lanka and South America, are sent to Thailand to be cut and re-exported, he said.

One of the best buys is smuggled Burmese rubies, otherwise available only once a year at a government-run sale in Rangoon, dealers said.

The price for a valuable stone, either shimmering under the flatter lights of a jewelry shop counter or wrapped in newspaper at a mining town market, has made would-be experts of thousands of Thais and fools of countless tourists.

Guidebooks warn tourists against buying gems from street hawkers. But good synthetic jewels, with which the Thai farmers are also experts, are occasionally passed off as genuine by unscrupulous shops, one dealer said. "Some of the fakes are made to contain flaws so that they look real even to an expert," one gem appraiser said.

Thailand itself mines more than a dozen varieties of gems, including rubies, sapphires, zircons, garnets, beryl and quartz, mined in five provinces by simple, traditional methods. Thai rubies, especially the deep reds known as "pigeon blood" and "rabbit's throat blood," are the best commercially available owing to the rarity of Burmese rubies.

About 90 percent of Thai gems are exported, often to buyers operating on a cash-and-carry basis to avoid import duties in their own countries, dealers said.

They therefore estimate that the value of gem exports is somewhat higher than official government figures, which put last year's exports at \$230 million. Switzerland, the United States and Japan are the main customers for Thai sapphires and rubies, though buyers also come regularly from Britain, West Germany, Hong Kong and Australia.

Most gems are exported as loose stones to be set abroad as Westerners consider most Thai designs too ornate. "But Thai jewelers are very good at copying designs from foreign magazines and of course the labor is cheap," said one jeweler who sells his creations mainly to dealers. "I also sell my jewelry to my brother who has a tourist jewelry shop and he sells them for five times what I charge," he said. "I don't believe his prices, but the tourists pay them."

Paris not to extend import curbs

PARIS, Jan. 21 (AFP) — French Foreign Trade Minister Michel Jobert declared his opposition to extending France's import restrictions on video cassette recorders to other products from Japan.

He said he would "not recommend" that the recent French system of routing VCR imports through the central town of Poitiers for customs clearance should be extended to such products as hi-fi's, motorcycles and optical goods.

Jobert was commenting on France's record 93 billion franc (\$13.8 billion) trade deficit last year, which included an estimated 12 billion franc deficit with Japan.

He welcomed Tokyo's apparent willingness to help trim the deficit, and made it clear that the Poitiers decision came not from him but from Budget Minister Laurent Fabius.

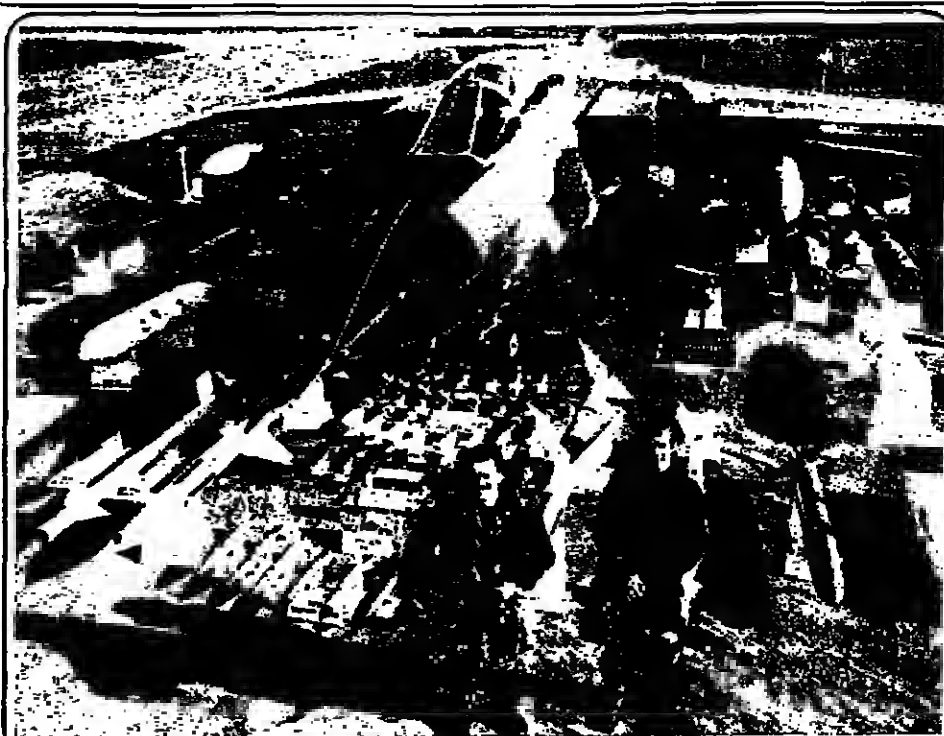
But Jobert noted that the balance of

payments could "obviously" not easily be brought into rough equilibrium unless there was a curbside in foreign trade — by implication a stabilization or slight cutback in imports.

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He believed that the trade deficit could be trimmed by 13 billion francs (nearly \$4.5 billion), as targeted by Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, and that 1980 and 1982 were exceptional "black years" for French foreign trade.



TORNADO'S DEADLY LOAD: This array of Tornado weaponry symbolizes what will be the backbone of Western European air defense through to the 21st century. The display was pictured at RAF Boulton in eastern England where the first ever operational Tornado unit — No. 9 Squadron — has been formed. More than 800 Tornados will enter service in Britain, West Germany and Italy where the aircraft has been jointly developed as part of NATO program. Designed with nuclear strike capability, the Tornado is a swing-wing all-weather combat aircraft and can destroy targets when they are 40 km distant.

By 83 companies in 50 states

WHO's baby milk code ignored

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — A World Health Organization code to control the marketing of breast milk substitutes, principally in the Third World, was not complied with last year by 83 companies in 50 countries, according to an international monitoring group.

"Massive promotion of artificial infant feeding continues throughout the world," claimed a report released on Thursday by the International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), a coalition of charitable non-governmental development agencies concerned with education in the Third World. The group campaigns for what it considers a higher standard of behavior by private firms in developing nations.

The WHO code, approved in May 1981 by all the United Nations agency's 119 member states except the United States, was intended to discourage international corporations from marketing infant formula as a substitute for breast feeding — particularly in developing countries where sanitary conditions are often poor.

Although non-binding, the code recommended a ban on advertising and promotion of breast milk substitutes and stringent limitations on giving free samples to new mothers and pregnant women. It also suggested that infant formula labels should include clear warnings about the hazards of bottles

feeding.

The IBFAN report claimed companies had violated the code by advertising in the news media and in health clinics, distributing samples to mothers and giving inadequate information to health workers.

"It was generally believed that the companies involved in promoting these products would voluntarily abide by the provisions of the code," it said. "However ... that belief is largely without foundation," it added.

The report — released in London by War on Want, one of IBFAN's affiliated charities campaigning against world poverty — said information about the alleged offenders came from health workers, non-governmental organizations and trained researchers in the countries mentioned.

World Bank assures aid to Egypt

CAIRO, Jan. 21 (AP) — World Bank President A. W. Clausen said the bank was prepared to give "more loans" to Egypt and to contribute "substantially" to the financing of its five-year development plan.

During a press conference which was attended by Investment Minister Wagih Shindi and Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mustafa El-Said, Clausen noted with satisfaction the progress achieved by Egypt toward its goals of economic prosperity and welfare during the last decade.

"The World Bank is prepared to give more loans to Egypt," Clausen said but declined to provide any figures. He said the bank has provided Egypt with \$465-470 million during the fiscal 1982-83.

"I have emphatically indicated the bank's preparedness to contribute substantially to the financing of a five-year development plan

Air France incurs \$120m loss in 1982

PARIS, Jan. 21 (AP) — Air France's losses more than doubled last year to \$20 million francs (\$120.5 million) from 378 million francs (\$55.5 million) in 1981, the state-owned carrier has reported.

Revenues at the troubled airline rose 15 percent to 22 billion francs (\$3.2 billion) last year with passenger traffic up 1.9 percent from 1981.

Operating the Supersonic Concorde translated into a loss of 15.1 million francs (\$2.2 million) last year, company officials said. That figure, however, only represents 10 percent of the total operating losses for the Concorde. The French government offsets 90 percent of the losses through subsidies to the company.

The airline last year halted Concorde flights to Washington, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro and Caracas in an attempt to hold down losses. The only Air France Concorde flight that remains in between Paris and New York.

Sudan to get U.S. wheat worth \$10m

KHARTOUM, Jan. 21 (AP) — Sudan and the United States signed an agreement worth \$10 million for the purchase of 45,000 metric tons of wheat and 12,000 metric tons of wheat flour. The Sudanese cooperation, commerce and supply ministry said.

Under the agreement, the U.S. government will loan Sudan \$10 million to purchase wheat and wheat flour on highly concessional terms. No repayment is due until 1993 when the Sudan will have thirty years in which to repay the loan interest on the loan is two percent during the ten-year grace period, and three percent over the repayment period of thirty years, the ministry's announcement said.

This is the third agreement signed by the Sudan and the United States in 1983. On Jan. 9 two agreements totaling \$50 million were signed for balance of payments and commodity import assistance. Further agreement for economic assistance including additional purchases of wheat and wheat flour are expected to be concluded later in the year.

which was recently approved by the People's Assembly (Egyptian parliament)," Clausen said.

Clausen, here for five days following visits to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, met with President Hosni Mubarak Tuesday and promised the bank will continue and seek to increase development aid to Egypt. He said he had "explored ways to enlarge" relations between Egypt and the bank during his visit.

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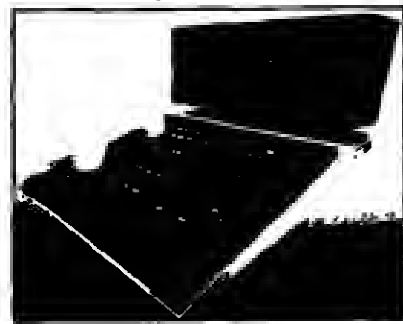
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Danes accept formula to end fishing row

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21 (R) — Denmark Friday accepted a formula for ending its fisheries dispute with its European Common Market partners, government officials said.

They said parliament's all-party market affairs committee decisively approved an arrangement intended as the basis of agreement on a common fisheries policy.

The formula was a product of concerted efforts by Denmark's minority government, the executive European Commission and the community's West German presidency, the officials said.

Details of the arrangement were not made available officially but parliamentary officials said it consisted of "clarifications" giving Denmark better assurances on future levels of total community catches and on long-term fishing agreements with countries outside the Common Market.

They said the formula was assured of majority on the parliamentary committee for community affairs, as it was based on a

framework jointly drafted by Denmark's four-party coalition government and parliament's dominant Social Democrats. The arrangement did not call for a reopening of negotiations on a community fisheries policy, the officials said.

By approving the new proposals, the 17-member parliamentary committee has opened the way for agreement on a common fishing policy when community fisheries ministers meet in Brussels next Tuesday. Danish government officials said a final solution would depend on Britain.

The strict secrecy surrounding the new proposals reflect the sensitive nature of talks yet to be held between now and next Tuesday, a member of the community affairs committee said.

Denmark provoked the crisis over fish last month when the powerful community affairs committee rejected final proposals for a common fisheries policy drafted by the European Commission and agreed by the other community states.

Global wheat output soars

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AFP) — World wheat production in 1982 reached a record 476 million tons (against 451 million in 1981) following an upward revision of nine million tons by the International Wheat Council in its latest review.

Increased estimates were notably made in Argentina, Canada, China and India.

Prospects for 1983, following completion of autumn sowing in the Northern Hemisphere, appear "mostly favorable", although

the outlook will depend "almost entirely" on weather conditions during the coming months. These "winter wheat" crops account for over two thirds of total world production, the council said.

Argentina's harvest, just completed, yielded a record 14.5 million tons, instead of 11.0 million previously estimated in December, compared with 7.9 million tons in 1981 and the previous record of 11.3 million tons achieved in 1964.

In contrast, Australia's drought-reduced crop of 8.7 million tons was the smallest since 1972 (6.6 million) and compared with 16.2 million produced in 1981.

Canada's production estimate was raised from 26.9 to 27.6 million against 24.8 million tons the year before; China's was increased by three million to 62.0 million tons (against 58.5 million tons), while India's crop was estimated at 37.8 million tons, 1.3 million tons more, against 36.3 million in 1981.

U.S. oil imports hit 10-year low

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — U.S. oil imports dropped 13.6 percent last year to the lowest level in a decade, an oil industry association has said.

Imports of crude oil and petroleum fell to a daily average of 4.8 million barrels from 5.7 million in 1981, the American Petroleum Institute said. That was the fifth consecutive yearly decline and the lowest average since 1972, when oil imports averaged 4.7 million barrels a day.

Imports as a portion of total U.S. oil supply dropped to 32 percent from 35 percent the year before and 45 percent in 1979.

In a indication that the recession played a major role in pulling down oil consumption, the report said deliveries of residual fuel oil, used mainly by industry, fell 20.5 percent last year.

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With OPEC talks set

Oil prices crash fears recede

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (AP) — An extraordinary burst of diplomatic contacts among the governments of major oil-exporting countries seems to have lessened the chance that oil prices will crash.

Oil ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, plus high-ranking officials of Mexico, Canada and other non-OPEC oil sellers, have dashed between world oil capitals this week in a fashion that suggests a climax is near in OPEC's attempt to apportion production quotas in a glutted market.

The question of whether OPEC members will agree on production limits or resort instead to a price war could be answered this weekend in Geneva, Switzerland, where all 13 OPEC oil ministers are to meet in emergency session.

Mano Said Oteiba, the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, was quoted by the government-controlled news agency Thursday as saying he saw "encouraging signs" that all ministers would agree on a production-sharing system.

Also Thursday, the oil minister of Nigeria was in Tehran, Iran, for talks with Iranian oil

officials. Earlier this week Mexican officials visited some OPEC capitals, and Libya's oil minister made at least two visits to Iran this week. Eight OPEC oil ministers held an impromptu meeting in Bahrain last weekend.

Just prior to an OPEC meeting in December, Venezuelan oil officials toured OPEC capitals in search of a compromise, yet the meeting ended in a stalemate.

Most industry analysts believe that if OPEC can set production quotas for each member, its overall ceiling of 18.5 million barrels a day would succeed in keeping prices stable. The OPEC base price, reaffirmed in December, is \$34 a barrel.

A sudden sharp drop in the average world oil price, to \$20 a barrel or so, could topple Mexico's already shaky financial position and put Venezuela and Nigeria in serious jeopardy, according to international economists.

Mexico owes about \$85 billion to foreign lenders — second only to Brazil among developing nations. American banks hold about \$25 billion of that debt, according to estimates by George M. Salem at the investment firm of Prudential Bache Securities.

Lowest in 13 years U.K.'s inflation dips to 5.4%

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — Britain's annual inflation rate fell last month to 5.4 percent, its lowest level for nearly 13 years, the government announced Friday.

The battle against inflation is the pillar of Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's economic policy and the annual rate for the 12 months ending in December compares with 6.3 percent in November and a 21.9 percent in 1980, a year after Mrs. Thatcher was elected.

Annual inflation more than halved in 1982 from 12 percent at the end of 1981.

The prime minister, on a tour of Yorkshire, welcomed the latest figures. "I regard it as good news for everyone, it's good news for the housewife, good news for industry and good news for those investing."

She pledged to carry on with her monetarist tight-spending policies to get inflation down further. "That really would make a world of difference to everyone."

During December alone, average prices actually fell by 0.2 percent — the best monthly figure since August 1969. The main reason for the sharp drop from November was a two-percent cut in the cost of home mortgages from 12 to 10 percent.

The latest retail prices index shows the inflation rate down seven months in a row to its lowest level since March 1970. In the last six months, British prices have risen by just 0.8 percent.

Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit, whose department released the figures, said: "At 5.4 percent the annual rate of inflation has fallen faster for the last six months than in any other major industrial country, and our record is now better than for almost 13 years."

He said the government still aimed to bring inflation down to 5 percent early this year, provided wage settlements are restrained. "It shows what we can do, but America, Germany and Japan still have lower inflation rates than ours. From now on the struggle to keep pushing down inflation will be tougher."

The latest comparable annual figures are 4.6 percent in the United States, 4.7 percent in West Germany and 2.3 percent in Japan. Britain looks good, however, when compared with rates of 8.6 percent in the 10-nation European Common Market as a whole, 16.9 percent in Italy and 9.4 percent in France.

Dollar rates remain firm

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — The value of the U.S. dollar was little changed on world money markets Friday, after Thursday's turbulent trading. Gold prices were mixed in quiet conditions.

Dealers said the market had all but abandoned its expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve would soon cut its 8.5 percent key discount rate. On Thursday, the West German central bank decided to keep its discount and Lombard interest rates of 5 and 6 percent respectively, a decision that bolstered the deutschmark.

"If the Fed would have done anything, it would have been in concert with a parallel move by Bundesbank," said a Frankfurt trader.

In Tokyo, where banks close before Europe's business day gets under way, the dollar slipped fractionally to 235.00 yen from Thursday's 235.15. In London, the dollar was quoted at 234.73 yen.

Other dollar rates in Europe compared with Thursday: 2.4188 West German marks, up from 2.4185, 1.9790 Swiss francs, up from 1.9767, 6.8585 French francs, up from 6.8525, 2.6475 Dutch guilders, down from 2.6515, 1.38925 Italian lira, up from 1.38645, 1.2265 Canadian dollars, up from 1.2251.

The British pound improved to \$1.5770, up from \$1.5655 on Thursday.

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EEC jobless rate climbs to 10.8%

BRUSSELS, Jan. 21 (R) — The number of people out of work in the European Economic Community climbed to around 12 million last month, matching levels in the United States, the community's statistics office said Friday.

Officials said the unemployment rate of 10.8 percent was now at its highest level since World War II, and hundreds of thousands more workers were expected to join the dole queues this year.

Over the whole of 1982, economic recession pushed the jobless total up by 16.7 percent with the steepest rises recorded in the Netherlands, West Germany and Ireland, it said.

Social Affairs Commissioner Ivor Richard has forecast that the community will have 15 million unemployed by 1985 if economies continue on current trends.

The office said it could not give an exact total for last month because of a change in the way statistics were compiled in Britain. It

added that Greece was excluded from the calculation because its figures were not comparable.

Young people were particularly hard hit by the recession, with the under-25s accounting for about 25 percent of the jobless total.

The Netherlands, with a 36 percent rise in its rate, showed the highest increase in unemployment in 1982, followed by West Germany at 30.5 percent and Ireland at 27.5 percent.

But the office said that unemployment "appeared to be stabilizing" — albeit at high levels — in Denmark and France, which recorded 1982 rises of 2.6 percent and 5.8 percent respectively.

Belgium, with 15 percent of its working population out of a job, had the highest unemployment rate in the community last month, while tiny Luxembourg, with a rate of only 1.6 percent, was least affected by the economic downturn.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	134.00	130.25
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French Franc (100)	11.00	50.50
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Iraqi Dinar		6.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	25.50	25.00
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Kuwaiti Dinar	11.88	11.88
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Moroccan Dirham (100)	55.00	54.80
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10	27.00
Philippines Peso (100)	37.40	37.40
Pound Sterling	94.56	94.60
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20 million new-born babies affected

India's nutrition outlook becoming bleak

By William Claiborne

NEW DELHI (WP) — An ominous warning by one of India's leading nutritionists, that all but 3 million of the 23 million children born in the country this year will be physically and mentally impaired by malnutrition, has rekindled debate in the scientific community over food distribution and government anti-poverty programs.

Dr. Coluther Gopalan, director of the Nutrition Foundation of India, said that deterioration of the physical and mental capacity of a vast segment of India's 700 million population is undermining human resources and threatening future generations.

Relying in part on data from the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau, Gopalan said in a paper presented at a population conference here, and in a subsequent interview, that diet deficiency in rural India has created a vast pool of physically and mentally stunted adults who choose mates of similar characteristics and beget a new generation of malnourished children.

The result, he said, is a "frightening" growth of "substandard survivors who serve to perpetuate the undernutrition scenario over successive generations."

The symptoms of the problem among India's poor, Gopalan said, form a "broad twilight zone of morbidity, functional impairment of various kinds, apathy, lack of sense of well-being, poor physical stamina (and) low productivity."

Although correlations between malnutrition and productivity or mental capacity have been made here before, none has been pre-

sented by a leading health scientist in such a stark statistical light and with such ominous implications for the future.

Based on past statistical patterns and current census data, Gopalan said, 3 million of the 23 million children born in India in 1983 will die before they reach the first year, and another 1 million will die before they complete childhood. Of the remaining 19 million, nearly 9 million will become adults with physical and mental impairments and reduced productivity because of serious undernourishment and poor health, and yet another 7 million will suffer milder malnutrition and less striking physical and mental impairment.

As a result, if current trends continue, the full potential for physical and mental development will have been achieved by less than 15 percent of the children born. Gopalan said.

"All of the discussion on population control has been on quantitative terms, as if controlling the alarming growth in numbers alone is adequate for a solution. But the qualitative factor is causing far greater damage and should cause even more concern," Gopalan said in an interview.

Some health experts, foremost among them Dr. P.V. Sukhame of the Association for the Cultivation of Science, have challenged Gopalan's conclusions and maintain that his fears are alarmist. Sukhame argues that only children with weight-age deficits of more than 40 percent are truly undernourished, and that stunted growth among rural poor may represent an adaptation to environment.

Dr. Lincoln Chen of the Ford Foundation

here said that while growth retardation from numerous causes is an obvious phenomenon in rural India, there is a dearth of statistical evidence with which to link it conclusively with undernourishment. He nevertheless ends up not far from Gopalan in his view of needed governmental programs.

Outside of severe cases, I don't think there is a functional relationship. This is a biology topic with a lot of sociology in it. A social and economic process goes on at the same time, and the result may be a mixture of a lot of factors," Chen said in an interview.

Referring to the proponents of the adaptive process theory, or the "small is healthy" school, Chen said, "What we don't know is the cost of the adaptive process. We know malnourished kids have a higher risk of dying, and everybody knows that in severe categories there are growth problems, but the question of whether there is a functional significance to mental and physical impairment among survivors is unclear."

Gopalan stressed that he was mindful of intensive efforts being made by the government. India probably has more direct feeding programs than any country but China. He called for a redistribution of food resources and new strategies for attacking glaring socio-economic disparities between urban Indians and the rural population, which comprises 85 percent of the total.

Protein calorie malnutrition is not India's only nutrition problem, although it probably is the most important, said Gopalan, who is former head of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Iron deficiency anemia, which according to

the National Institute of Nutrition affects 63 percent of children under age 3, has been shown to alter brain biochemistry and could alter behavioral patterns of entire segments of the Indian population, Gopalan said.

Moreover, goiter, or thyroid inflammation caused by iodine deficiency, affects 40 million Indians despite a 20-year national program of distributing iodized salt, he said. Although goiter can lead to severe retardation in extreme cases, studies by the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences show that the more common effect is slightly impaired development of children of goiterous mothers.

Preoccupation with population control, he said, provides a convenient alibi for leaders who are unwilling or unable to reorder national economic policy away from long-range self-sufficiency toward meeting critical immediate needs.

"You can't write off the present generation in planning for the future. Things are being done, but the attitude is to make short-term sacrifices for long-term economic gains," Gopalan said. For example, he said, sugar cane, whose export produces coveted foreign exchange, displaces food grains that could help alleviate malnutrition.

To redress the imbalance, Gopalan called for a minimum wage for agricultural laborers of 10 rupees (about \$1) a day, or three times what some farm workers now earn, and implementation of food-for-work programs. He also recommended that 10 percent of the rural primary education budget be applied to an imaginative nutritional program, and that the family planning program be restructured to provide stipends, job training and nutritional guidance for unmarried girls instead of belated family planning assistance to women who have already produced children.

Other health scientists maintain that India's intensive rural development programs do not necessarily result in improved nutrition, especially among women.

Dr. Betty Cowan, of the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, studied villages in the agriculturally prosperous Punjab, where only 11 percent of rural families live below the poverty line. She found that infant mortality has shown no decline and that the number of premature, underweight babies has increased.

Cowan concluded that while rural development benefited the landowning caste and increased work opportunities even for the poorest, women were burdened with more work and less time for infant feeding, resulting in severe malnutrition among 50 percent of the rural Punjabi girls and 20 percent of the boys below age 5.

In addition to stepping up long-range water and sanitation improvement efforts, Chen urged immediate action, such as immunization, rehydration therapy and nutritional programs.

TOP WINNER: Reena Beth Gordon explains the project that won her the top prize in America's annual Westinghouse high (secondary) school Science Talent Search.

Nobel Preliminaries of U.S.

By Matthew Schneider

WASHINGTON — The Nobel Preliminaries — that's what some people call the annual Westinghouse Corporation high (secondary) school Science Talent Search (STS) in the United States. Indeed, finalists in the competition have established a remarkable record — five STS winners have become Nobel Laureates in the last 10 years. All the science talent search winners have gone on to college. Ninety-nine percent have graduated with degrees in science, mathematics or related fields. About 70 percent of STS winners go on to earn advanced science credentials, or medical degrees — that is about 25 times the U.S. average.

Where do these obviously talented students come from? In the 1982 event, the 40 winners from 30 cities in 16 states were chosen from among more than 13,000 entrants from all over the United States.

The top winner, 15-year-old Reena Beth Gordon of Brooklyn, New York, says that science isn't her only interest. But her knowledge nevertheless dazzled the panel of judges who ranked her experiment examining the link between mathematics and linguistics. She plans to use the \$5,120 scholarship award to help finance her study at college.

Another of the scholarship winners was 17-year-old Theron Stanford of San Marino, California (near Los Angeles), who has an almost mystical fascination with

numbers theory. This led him to write a paper entitled "Restricted Divisors." He comments: "I was always interested in mathematics and so one day I discovered the library had math books. I just went and picked out books. It seemed like I was always picking numbers theory books. That really interested me so I just stuck with that area of math and just kept reading up on it and studying."

Seventeen-year-old James Weisz of Long Beach, New York, earned a \$500 prize for his experiment that could have commercial application by converting the discarded shells of shrimp into animal feed.

James says he has always enjoyed science and was able to pursue his interests in a special program in his school. As a result of the promise he displayed in science, James was picked to take part in a National Science Foundation summer program.

During the summer months before his last year in high school, James was paid a nominal fee to intern with a microbiologist at the University of Michigan. As an apprentice of sorts, James had access to the professor's laboratory where he began his experiments with the complex protein chitin, found in large amounts in the skeletons of insects and shell fish.

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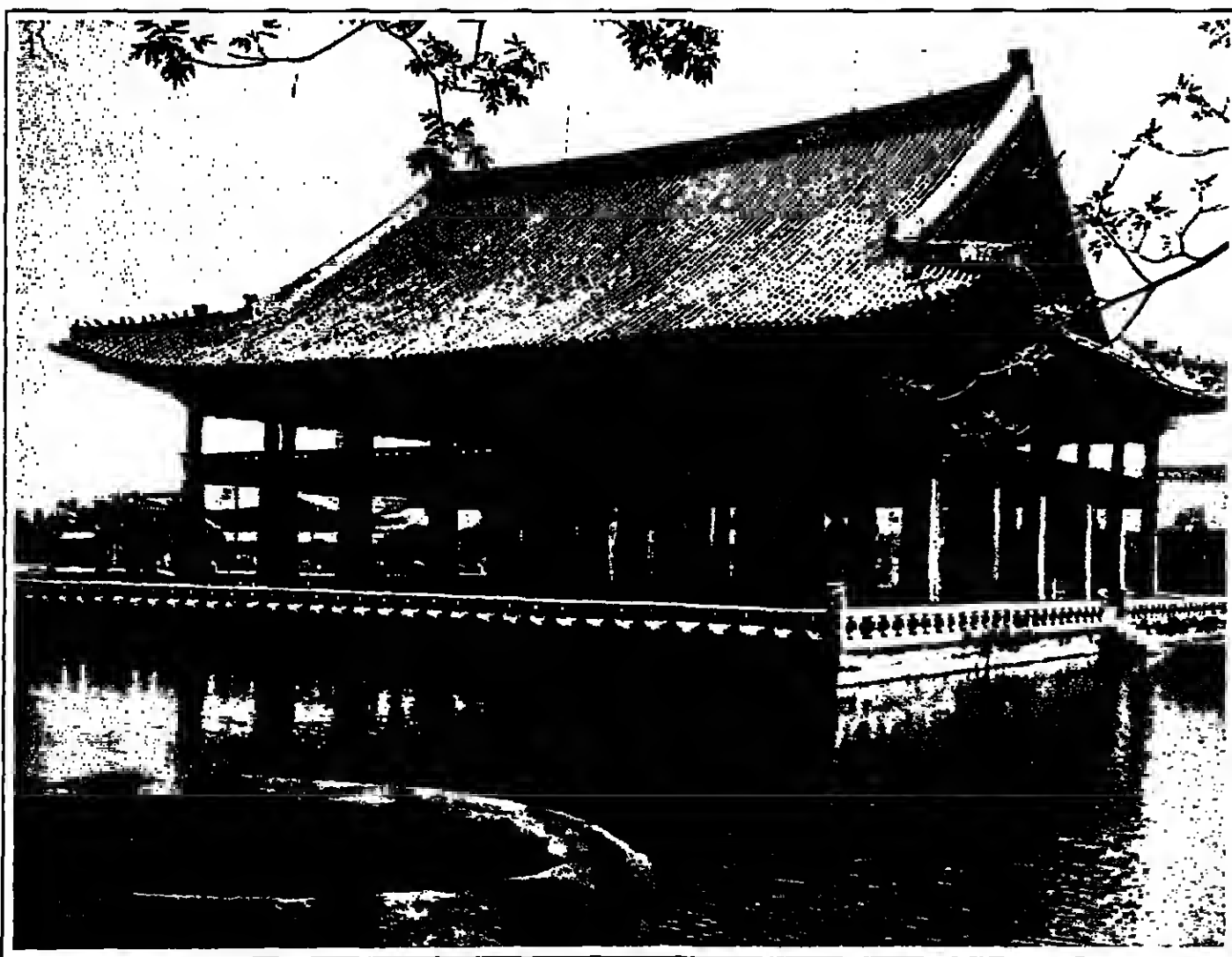
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By William Sexton

It's hardly the best of times for such a historic changeover. To the east, Vietnamese forces are massing for the annual dry season

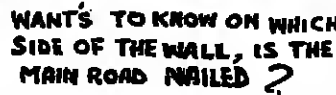
By Michael Carlton

But also the same soft, powdery winter that brings us the royal ballet in Copenhagen, the symphonic orchestras of Stockholm and Vienna, the opera houses of Paris and Rome, the concert halls of Munich, the great Alpine ski centers, the London shows, museums and galleries uncluttered by other tourists, and a Mediterranean coast that is warm and uncrowded.

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Summer up and down both sides of the Mediterranean coastline has always meant herds of people in Lacoste shirts and Polaroid sunglasses. But in winter it means fiestas in Spain, dancing in the tavernas of Greece, and shopping in the souks of Morocco.



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Following wiretap controversy

2 top Irish police officers resign

DUBLIN, Jan. 21 (AP) — The head of Ireland's police force, Commissioner Patrick McLoughlin, and one of his deputies have resigned in the wake of a government probe into alleged wiretapping by the administration of former Prime Minister Charles Haughey, an Irish government statement said Thursday.

The resignation of McLoughlin and Deputy Commissioner Joseph Ainsworth will take effect from Feb. 1 in the aftermath of certain recent controversies, the statement said.

The resignations came 24 hours after Irish Justice Minister Michael Noonan announced new evidence about the scandal. Noonan said without elaboration Wednesday that a "sophisticated police bugging device" was used to record "political conversations" in Dublin last fall.

The government statement said each of the two senior police officers who resigned "separately has made it clear to the minister

that he has felt that this is the right course to take in the aftermath of certain recent controversies, especially in relation to telephone tapping." The government said it recognized "the seriousness of certain matters that have come to light" but that it regretted that the two officers should have become involved.

McLoughlin, 63, had been a member of the "garde," Ireland's police force, for more than 40 years and became the republic's chief officer five years ago. Ainsworth, 58, was made a deputy commissioner by former Justice Minister Sean Doherty in the period between the election defeat of Haughey's Fianna Fail Party and the handover of power to Dr. Garret Fitzgerald's Fine Gael-Labor coalition.

Haughey denied Wednesday that he knew anything about the alleged bugging while Doherty declined comment on reports that he authorized the wiretaps. Both men maintained their silence after the two police officers resigned. Shortly after the announcement of the two resignations, Noonan disclosed in a government report the findings of the official investigation into the alleged bugging.

Corrupt Chinese official executed

HONG KONG, Jan. 21 (AP) — Another Chinese official was recently executed after being convicted on charges of corruption in South China's Guangdong Province as part of China's intensified drive to wipe out corruption, the New China News Agency reported Friday.

In the second execution in as many days, Li Qimang, a bank accountant at the Wuchuan county branch of the China Agricultural Bank in Guangdong was shot by a firing squad in the county Jan. 18 after sentencing by court, NCNA said in a dispatch monitored here. On the previous day, Jan. 17, Wang Zhong, 56, former secretary of Haifeng County Party Committee in the province, was executed for receiving bribes of \$12,307 for issuing illegal exit visas to Chinese wishing to go to Hong Kong and misappropriating contraband goods.

Li, 55, was found guilty of obtaining \$302,500 through embezzlements, reselling state assets and bribes received as commissions for helping speculators between 1978 and 1981, NCNA indicated.



BODY REMOVED: The body of tour guide Mike Yoshitaka Yamada is being removed from the tourist bus that hurtled over an embankment and burst into flames at Umathe village Thursday killing the tour guide and injuring about 30 Japanese tourists.

Salvador troops retake town from rebels

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 21 (AP) — Government troops recaptured a key guerrilla-held town in northeastern Morazan Province after a fierce battle with rebel forces, the military said Thursday.

But army commanders said the rebels were shelling the troops to block their advance over a river dividing guerrilla and army-controlled territory.

In the capital, unidentified persons threw a hand grenade at the offices of the Republican Nationalist Alliance, the far-right party headed by Roberto d'Aubuisson, leader of the Constituent Assembly. Two persons were injured. It was not clear if d'Aubuisson was in the building at the time. Government soldiers retook the town of Meanguera in Morazan Province in fierce fighting Wednesday, said local Army Commander Col. Mario Acevedo. Meanguera, a major post in the mountainous road that stretches toward Honduras, was seized by rebels Sunday and a bridge over the Torola River to the south was blown up by guerrillas Tuesday, Acevedo said.

He said guerrillas controlling hilltops along the northern edge of the river were shelling troops with U.S.-made mortars to block their advance. The guerrilla Radio Venceremos acknowledged Meanguera was retaken after what it described as heavy bombing for two days. It said rebels still control the strategic

Cerro De La Muerte, El Tigre and El Coyol Hills around the town.

The radio claimed bombing by U.S.-made A-37 Dragonfly attack planes killed 63 civilians in Meanguera, as well as one rebel fighter.

More than 5,000 troops began the drive Sunday against seasoned rebel fighters dug into mountain strongholds in an area some 192 kms northeast of the capital. The push came after the rebels advanced to within 16 kms north, west and east of the provincial capital.

Acevedo claimed the army also recovered the towns of Sensembrera and Yamabal, five miles southwest of the provincial capital, to block rebel escape routes. Guerrillas claim control of 10 other towns in Morazan. Acevedo said 12 soldiers were killed and 12 missing in the fighting for Meanguera. He said rebel casualties were "unknown."

Elsewhere, guerrillas fired on an intercity bus near Suchitoto, about 32 kms north of the capital Thursday, killing three persons and wounding 13 others, soldiers and the bus driver said. Bus company spokesmen said traffic to the southeastern city of Usulután, 103 kms from here, had been suspended because of a guerrilla warning that all vehicles on the highways will be destroyed. They said service to other parts of the country has been reduced.

The United States has been providing economic and military aid to the Salvadoran government in its stalemated three-year-old war against leftist guerrillas, with \$226 million in American military and economic aid earmarked for this year. Such aid is contingent on the Reagan administration's certification that there has been progress in protection of human rights and implementation of social and economic reforms. The Reagan administration is expected to provide that certification, required every six months, Friday.

U.K. reaches costly dead end on Falklands

LONDON, Jan. 21 (AP) — Exonerated for not anticipating last year's Argentine invasion of the Falkland Islands, Britain's Conservative government remains in a costly dead end called Fortresses Falklands — little to negotiate and little to expect but another attack.

"What we have been presented with is a short-term military victory and a long-term political retreat and dead end," said former Labor Party Prime Minister James Callaghan, as ruling conservative legislators hailed the findings of a blue-ribbon inquiry committee. The committee, headed by the former ambassador to Washington, Lord Franks, ruled in a report released Tuesday there was no way Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her government could have anticipated Argentina would seize the disputed archipelago last April 2.

But the 105-page report also spelled out how Britain and Argentina moved inexorably toward confrontation over the South Atlantic islands Britain didn't really want but couldn't give away — trapped by the islanders' determination to stay British. By the fall of 1981, then Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington in a frank memorandum quoted in the report admitted Britain was left with what amounted to no policy. "There is little we can do beyond trying to keep some sort of negotiations going," he wrote.

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"We can't predict where, with any certainty, until just at the last before it comes in," Catto said when asked to forecast where the satellite's debris will fall. The U.S. Emergency Management Agency said there likely would be no more than a "45- to 50-minute warning of where the affected area might be."

Catto said there is a 70 percent chance the Cosmos debris will come down over water, 15 percent chance over the Soviet Union, three percent chance over Canada and two percent chance over the United States.

U.S. defense officials acknowledged for the first time Thursday that they are not certain the 3,630 kgs bulk of the satellite still contains the nuclear core of about 45 kgs of uranium. They noted that the Soviet Union has claimed it ejected the fuel core by remote control, and that the Soviets have said that that core is traveling separately and will fall into the atmosphere and burn up in February.

Baker said retiring

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (AP) — The Republican Party leader in the U.S. Senate, Howard H. Baker Jr., intends to announce soon perhaps as early as Friday that he will not seek re-election in 1984, political sources said Thursday night.

Baker initially had hoped to make his decision known at an afternoon news conference on Friday in Knoxville, Tennessee, but his plans became uncertain when he developed flu. First reports of Baker's tentative decision not to run came from unidentified sources several days ago. And while the Tennessee Republican has refused to confirm the widespread reports, neither he nor his aides have taken any steps publicly or privately to dispute them.

The sources who revealed Baker's plan insisted his tentative decision was made for personal reasons they did not detail. But several Senate sources have said Baker would face a difficult challenge for re-election in 1984. Tom Griscorn, Baker's press secretary, declined to comment on the report that the Senator hoped to announce his plans Friday.

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Amsterdam	0	32	5	41	cloudy
Athens	3	37	8	46	cloudy
Bahrein	14	57	19	66	clear
Bangkok	22	72	30	86	clear
Barcelona	24	75	29	84	rain
Beirut	8	46	14	57	clear
Belgrade	-4	25	2	36	clear
Berlin	-2	28	6	43	cloudy
Brussels	-1	30	3	37	clear
Buenos Aires	19	66	13	56	clear
Cairo	10	50	21	70	clear
Chicago	-9	16	-2	28	cloudy
Copenhagen	2	36	2	36	cloudy
Dublin	5	41	10	50	cloudy
Frankfurt	2	36	4	39	cloudy
Geneva	-1	30	3	37	clear
Helsinki	-13	9	-7	19	clear
Hong Kong	11	52	14	57	cloudy
Honolulu	17	63	27	80	clear
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	rain
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	34	93	clear
Lisbon	6	43	12	54	clear
London	5	41	8	46	cloudy
Los Angeles	11	52	16	62	clear
Madrid	9	48	21	70	clear
Mankila	2	36	11	52	clear
Mexico City	8	46	20	68	clear
Miami	19	66	21	70	rain
Montevideo	19	66	29	84	clear
Montreal	-2	28	13	56	cloudy
Moscow	-5	23	2	36	clear
New Delhi	6	43	21	70	clear
New York	-1	30	12	54	clear
Nihoaia	3	37	19	66	cloudy
Oakland	1	34	9	48	clear
Paris	2	36	6	43	cloudy
Peking	-7	19	1	34	clear
Rio de Janeiro	22	72	32	90	cloudy
Rome	4	39	12	54	clear
San Francisco	5	41	12	54	cloudy
Seoul	-2	30	10	50	clear
Singapore	24	75	32	90	rain
Stockholm	-7	19	3	37	cloudy
Sydney	16	61	27	81	clear
Taipei	8	46	17	63	clear
Tokyo	2	36	8	46	clear

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